



PRESSURE'S ON. Chuck DePasquale had his last cigarette shortly before midnight on the eve of the Great American Smoke Out last Thursday, and now his friends are going to hold him to his vow to quit the habit. To provide some encouragement, DePasquale's friends threw him a surprise party at Rocco's Restaurant last week. That's DePasquale in the photo above, with friends Vicky and Cassy Lee. (Maureen Larnoureux photo)

Palmer cryptic about adjournment motion

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - The meeting of the Board of Selectmen adjourned in an unusual manner on Monday, November 24.

According to the meeting's agenda, the board was to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing "Potential Litigation and Contract Negotiations with Non-Union Personnel."

Selectmen Chairman Michael McCoy requested a motion to adjourn to executive session and not to return.

Selectman Robert Palmer, however, asked Chairman

McCoy to take two separate votes for adjournment, one for the potential litigation and a second for contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis, who attended the meeting, was consulted by McCoy and advised that a motion could be made to divide the question at the discretion of the chairman. DeRensis added that the motion would require a majority vote to carry.

Selectperson Suzanne Sullivan seconded the motion for discussion and asked Palmer his reason for such a

request.

"I think on the non-union personnel, we should have counsel there," Palmer stated.

Palmer clarified that the board should have special counsel present during the contract negotiations with non-union personnel. Selectperson Sullivan inquired as to who would be special counsel, and Palmer indicated that the individual should be chosen by the board.

Selectman Frank West asked for what purpose Palmer would advise the board to engage spe-

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Gacek lands the director's chair at WCTV



WCTV EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DONNA GACEK

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - Free speech in Wilmington has a new leader.

Donna Gacek is the new Executive Director of Wilmington Community Television (WCTV). She replaces Ruth Kennedy, who after eight years resigned from the post in October to focus on her family.

"I had aspired to becoming an executive director since I began working in community television," Gacek says, "but it is even more exciting to become a part of WCTV, where I have already worked with so many people and organizations."

That's right. Gacek's a familiar face in town. During her predecessor's tenure, she worked part time at WCTV as its membership coordinator, a post she assumed in June of 2000. Such experience at the local cable access channel puts Gacek in a good position to provide the station with a seamless transition in directors.

"As the new executive director, I hope to continue the tradition of bringing valuable training and media resources

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First of two forums held Affordable housing needs prioritized

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - The Wilmington Master Plan Committee hosted its first of two public forums for the purpose of discussing the future of affordable housing in Wilmington on Thursday, November 20.

The first half of the meeting consisted of a presentation by Ralph Wilmer of McGregor & Associates, the firm that has been hired as the town's consultant for matters of affordable housing. During the presentation, Wilmer focused on statistics that relate to affordable housing and the tools that a community can use in meeting its needs on the issue.

Planning and Conservation Director Lynn Duncan was pleased by Wilmer's presentation, noting that the consultant also brought a facilitator to conduct the meeting.

Following the presentation, residents wishing to participate were broken up into seven groups of 5 or 6 people each. The groups were charged with the task of identifying as many reasons for the importance of the existence of affordable housing in a community. The groups then presented what they determined to be their two most important reasons to the assembly.

According to the residents in these groups, the top reasons for creating affordable housing in a community include providing housing for senior citizens; complying with the state-mandated 10 percent of all housing stock in town being deemed as affordable; diversifying the housing stock within the community; providing housing that young people can afford; and attracting businesses to Wilmington.

The forum also focused on the many challenges that

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HUSBAND AND WIFE: ADRIENNE HUYNH-WILLIAMS AND FRED WILLIAMS

Newlyweds off to Iraq

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - How would you like to honeymoon in Iraq?

Newlyweds Adrienne and Fred Williams can think of much nicer locales, but it is to Iraq that they will be going.

Specialists Adrienne Huynh-Williams and Frederick Williams, both medics for the U.S. National Guard, received their orders on November 12 to report to duty at Fort Drum. They got married four days later.

"We were notified that we were on the alert list in October and then got our orders in November," Adrienne explains. "We ship out sometime in early

to mid-December. We don't know the exact date yet."

Adrienne and Fred met each other last year when they were assigned to the same unit of the National Guard.

Their first date was, for all intents and purposes, a mistake. Their unit had plans to meet in Boston for New Year's Eve. Adrienne and Fred found each other on Boston Common, but none of the other members of the unit were located.

"We got ditched by our friends," Adrienne jokes.

Things turned out alright, apparently. After dinner at Bannigan's and a view of the

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE. Wilmington High School Band members Kristen Breslin, Kate McGrath and Lindsay Clarke collected food donations in front of Lucci's Supermarket on Lowell Street on Saturday afternoon, so that they could get the goods to the Wilmington Food Pantry in time for the holidays. (Stu Neilson photo)

West's encourage donations to Marines' Toys for Tots program

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Karen West, of West Real Estate, and Cindy Hickey, the Civilian Coordinator for the U.S. Marine Corps, appeared before the Board of Selectmen on Monday night to discuss the Toys for Tots program.

Karen and Frank West, through West Real Estate, have worked with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program in Wilmington for many years. Boxes are set up to accept donations at various establishments all over town and each one has a phone number on it to contact the Wests. The Wests are happy to accommodate any business wishing to set up a box and to arrange the pick-up of larger donations.

The 7th annual Toys for Tots Santa Day will be held on Saturday, December 6 between 12 and 4 p.m. Three 4 x 6 photos with Santa Claus can be had

for the price of a toy or a cash donation.

Door prizes, raffles, face painting, and refreshments will also be available.

Lyndon Byers, a former Boston Bruin and current WAAF radio personality, will be visiting West Real Estate on December 7th. Autographs will be available for the donation of a toy or cash donation.

All proceeds from each event go to the Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots Program. The events will be held at the West Real Estate office at 314 Main Street.

If anybody is in need of assistance from the Toys for Tots program, they are encouraged to write a letter including their name address, telephone number, and need to Toys for Tots, General Mail Delivery, Lowell, MA 01803. The staff will be happy to speak with any individual about any specific issue

at 978-937-7311.

Hickey presented the Town of Wilmington with a Commander's Award recognizing the town's outstanding achievement and support of the 2003 Toys for Tots program.

"These generous contributions have enabled us to help fulfill the Christmas trees for our nation's neediest children," Hickey read from the certificate.

Selectmen Chairman Michael McCoy graciously accepted the award on behalf of the town, and he thanked the Wests for their untiring efforts spent benefiting the Toys for Tots program each year.

The Toys for Tots program distributed toys to more than 30,000 families last year, representing roughly 250,000 toys in Middlesex and Essex counties alone.

Miceli to hold town meetings

Representative James R. Miceli (Democrat - Wilmington) is pleased to announce his Annual Town Meeting for the Towns of Tewksbury and Wilmington. At this meeting, the representative will address state issues

that impact his district. He will also be available to field questions from the audience.

The Tewksbury Town Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Tewksbury Police Station Library.

The Wilmington Town Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wilmington Memorial Library.

Miceli looks forward to meeting with the citizens in both communities. He will use the

comments and questions to shape his agenda for the upcoming year.

These meetings are one of the many ways the representative remains accessible to his constituents. In addition to the annual town meetings, Representative Miceli also holds monthly office hours in both communities, and distributes questionnaires at the towns' annual Town Meetings regarding issues that he will be voting on during the legislative session.

If you would like further information or are unable to attend the meetings but would like to contact the Representative, his office number is 627-722-2692.

Everybody is welcome to attend.

It's Your Money

by Joyce Brisbois



CUT THE TAXES YOU PAY NOW

It's all well and good to focus on the tax return you'll file next April and the taxes that may be due then, but the most valuable savings may lie in cutting the taxes you pay now. That is, the withholding tax that comes out of your salary, and-if you are liable for them-the estimated taxes that are due each quarter.

Employers have been using new rates for payroll taxes since July, but the new tax cuts are retroactive to January. It's worthwhile to look over last year's tax return and compare last year's tax bite with what you'll owe now. You may want to file a new W-4 form with your employer; adding another allowance may bring your taxes in line for the year. Savings now is better than a refund next year.

If you pay estimated taxes, the rate cuts on dividends and capital gains may cut your liability tremendously. See where your income came from last year. If you paid high taxes on those investment returns in the past, you can save considerably now.

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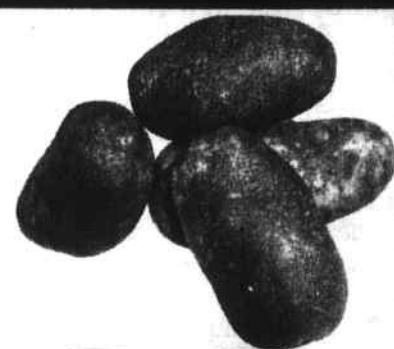
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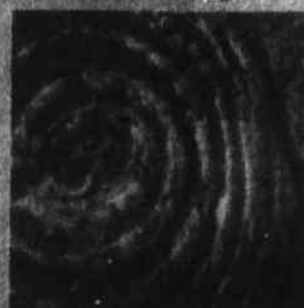


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From the Editor's Desk

By Shawn P. Sullivan

A Bird's Eye View of the Language

Five fat turkeys are we.
We all live together in a tree.
When the cook comes around,
We're bound to be found.
Four fat turkeys are we.

And then you keep singing that verse, counting down those turkeys until the cook's got 'em all and there are none of them left.

Do the little kids of today still sing that song during Thanksgiving? Probably not. When I was in nursery school in the 1970s, my teacher, Mrs. Porrell, taught me that tune, and I am surprised to see that decades later I can remember it word for word. It sure is a morbid little ditty. Right up there with Hansel and Gretel getting lost in the woods, Little Red Riding Hood outrunning a stalking wolf, and the Three Little Pigs being forced into homelessness.

Turkeys get a bum rap. We tend to forget that fact because they taste so good, especially when served alongside mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce. It's not enough, though, that we devour them on one particular day of the year. We also use the other 364 days on the calendar to invoke their very name when referring to someone as annoying as that Dr. Phil guy on TV.

Come to think of it, birds in general get the short end of the stick, at least in terms of our language and many aspects of our culture.

Consider.

A "turkey," as mentioned, is a fool. A "chicken" is a coward. A "chick" is considered during these politically correct times to be a sexist and inappropriate way to address an attractive woman.

If you "sing like a canary," then you're a snitch. And let's not forget that it is the canary that is chucked into a mine shaft to determine if noxious fumes exist down there.

If you're "winging it," then you're unprepared. If you're going on a "wing and a prayer," then, well, things are really out of your hands, aren't they? If a certain food "tastes like chicken," then it lacks its own flavor and culinary identity. Someone who "eats like a bird" is likely too thin. A person who has "flown the coop" pretty much operates with one fry short of a Happy Meal.

Nobody likes to be "watched like a hawk." It means that you're not trusted, that somebody thinks they've got your number.

It continues.

We've all flipped the bird to someone in traffic who drives too slowly, passes us too quickly, or veers into our lane without the courtesy of flashing a signal. We've all had the bird flipped at ourselves as well, some folks more than others.

And what about the poor crow? Nobody wants the signs of old age and hard living manifested in their features with a pair of "crow's feet" etched into the corners of their eyes. After all, such wrinkles may suggest that you are nothing to crow about in the looks department. Furthermore, it is quite humiliating when we blow it big time and have to eat crow, is it not? And remember, it was the downtrodden crow that first caught the brunt of the West Nile Virus when it surfaced several summers ago.

Let's move on to ducks. If you "duck" a question, then you're avoiding it. Nobody likes to receive "bills" in the mail. Nevertheless, it is not particularly smart to duck bills. And what about duck-billed platypuses? (Platypi?) Let's not even get started on those goofy-looking... hm, what exactly is a duck-billed platypus?

Birds are given so little slack that they're frequently bombarded by hostility long before they are even born. For starters, the debate over which came first, the chicken or the egg, has divided mankind for ages. Second of all, you should never limit all of your options by "putting all of your eggs in one basket." We've all had our cars and houses egged, and we all were told as youths not to "egg on" our brothers or sisters. And the one thing you never want is egg on your face. Just ask NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw, who, on Election Night in 2000, declared that the media had a "whole omelette" on its face after prematurely awarding all 25 of Florida's electoral votes to presidential candidate Al Gore.

Remember those anti-drug commercials? "Here is your brain," says the girl in the ad, holding up a puny egg, a stand-in which, incidentally, even passably intelligent folks should find insulting. Without missing a beat, the girl slams the egg down on a pan and, as it splatters and sizzles, snaps, "This is your brain on drugs!" Ouch!

Parents don't particularly care for birds, either. How many of them truly enjoy the "empty nest" when their kids grow up, leave home, go to college, and stick Mom and Dad alone together for the first time in 18 years?

Don't forget our popular culture, either.

Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven" and Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds" effectively portrayed our feathered friends as beady-eyed menaces. Heck, in the latter, it was the intent of the birds to peck away at the human race until they dominated the world over. And speaking of Hitchcock, Janet Leigh's character in "Psycho" was named Marion Crane, and look what happened to her when she stepped in that shower.

Of course, there's that song "Free Bird," by Lynyrd Skynyrd. Remember that one? Sure you do. But let's not even get started on them because we all know what happened when a few guys in the band thought they'd do a little flying themselves.

All is not lost. Some expressions do right by birds.

An early bird catches the worm, of course. And an "early bird special" is a meal available to those who want to get a jump on supper and be in bed once "The Wheel of Fortune" is finished. Owls are regarded for their wisdom, and bald eagles are majestic symbols of soaring achievement.

But I digress. If you think all of this analysis is for the birds and you don't give a hoot for any cases to be made here, then you'll have to excuse me. It is my intention this week to keep my editorial as light as a feather because, in the end, all we truly want to do here at the Town Crier is wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Betsy's Best Bets

with Betsy Woods McGuire

You Take the Cake

Food that is beautiful to look at seems to taste better than food that isn't. (Emeril)

Once in a while I bake. More often than not I buy. Going to a friend's house empty-handed is out of the question, but showing up with those doughnuts or those off-the-shelf cardboard-tasting confections is criminal, as far as I'm concerned.

At this year's Wilmington Family Counseling Tasting Festival, Delicious Desserts jumped out at me, from all the rest, with their eye-catching, ample display of irresistible bite-size samples. I have to confess to making quite a few trips back and forth. I don't think I missed a morsel.

Not a week later I decided to check them out further. Don't let the unpretentious building fool you. Located at one end of a row of small brick-front stores, at 41 Winn Street in Burlington, Delicious Desserts is no ordinary bakery. As you walk through the door, the gleaming glass display cases are right in front of you, only a few feet away. The mix of colors, textures, patterns, and the appeal of the overflowing

shelves will instantly grab your attention and your appetite. What a sight! Fruit pies are a feast for the eyes. You won't go wrong with the lemon chiffon. Care for a square? Big apple dumplings, fresh fruit flans and pans of pudding and more are impossible to ignore.

A self-serve coffee station tucked into a small front window corner has a variety of freshly brewed Green Mountain coffee. At the opposite side, tables and chairs are snuggled into a cozy alcove. Purple walls, magazines, children's books and newspapers invite you to retreat, take a seat, meet. Try some killer coffee cake or a muffin TOP. (I mean, think about it, the top is all you really want, right?) Cinnamon and pecan rolls, danish or walnut sticks are all great picks. What about brunch or a light lunch? Pizza, calzone, quiche, soups, chowders and bread bowls are made daily.

Beyond the quick fix, Delicious Desserts has a wide variety of unusual, imaginative

birthday cakes. On the counter are two small photo-albums with pictures of some of the special occasion cakes that the kitchen has created. How about a cake that looks like a computer screen or a police badge or the front page of the Boston Globe or a big red lobster? (Humm, I wonder what they are celebrating?) It seems like Delicious Desserts can probably make just about any design you have in mind. Out-of-this-world wedding cakes are also available. Make an appointment, help create, it's an important date.

If it's true that we eat without eyes, then the cookie selection at Delicious Desserts is 20/20. Small, pretty, dainty little half-dollar-sized delights dusted with cinnamon, sprinkled with pink sugar, powdered and rolled, stuck with nuts, filled with jam, dipped in chocolate, don't eat more than your allotment! Sugar-free might be the key. They have them, too.

Almost hidden on the side wall are several plaques hang-

ing up. BEST OF GREATER BURLINGTON, BEST BAKERY, third year running. Rocco DeRosa, the owner, tells me that he is self-taught. My first thought, "Can't be!" But then I remembered the joke that has gone around in the restaurant/bakery business for years: People who go to culinary school start at the top and work their way down. Creativity can be cultivated but it can't be taught. Cooking is art, not that different from the artist working on canvas with paint and brush. The pleasure of food includes attractiveness, color, aroma, the uniqueness of your table and, most of all, hospitality, not just taste.

But all of us can use a little help now and then. So the next time you hear the cry to comply, to sweeten the day with a bonny buffet, let Delicious Desserts do the work, you take the perk.

Please send comments and questions to Betsy at betsy@comcast.net.

Kevin Anderson

Poling: No Way to Run a Government

I know that former President Bill Clinton was very successful using polling to determine what the political issue of the day was, but I'm not sure it will work for Tewksbury with regards to the building of a mall.

I was a bit surprised to find out that the Perkins Land Use, or the Mills Corporation Committee, or whatever it's called, is asking for permission to take a poll to determine if citizens are in favor of the mall proposal.

Polling citizens is not the way to run a government.

The selectmen established a committee to collect information about the proposal to build a mall. There was even a big "to do" about the direction of the committee. So why does this committee now feel the need to ask residents for their input? Aren't we supposed to see all the information that they have collected first and then make a decision? The whole decision process is backwards.

It seems to me that the committee wants the residents to make the decision for them first. What information could they possibly get out of a poll? Here might be a few samples of the poll questions.

Do you like shopping?

Does a mall with 50 stores in it do anything for you?

Do you ice skate?

Do you like open space?

Would you like a rewarding career in retail?

Andover residents don't like traffic. Is it OK to have as much traffic in Tewksbury to make Andover residents feel better about themselves?

Do you think putting in a big building in front of Rocco's dump to hide it is better than cleaning it up?

Are you an auto insurance appraiser, and do you have an office at one of the intersections in Tewksbury?

Do you get your daily exercise by walking in a mall?

Do you doubt that the \$3 million in new taxes from the construction of the mall will

reduce your property tax rate?

Seriously, the committee wants to put a survey in the town-wide census in hopes that residents send it back in? That's really reliable. Do you think that there might be some ballot-stuffing by both the proponents or the opponents of the mall? Nah, not in Tewksbury...

Just imagine both sides walking through the senior citizens housing, telling the residents that they will bring their census form to the town clerk's office for them. Or imagine people from both sides waiting outside the post office with a completed survey already filled out with either positive or negative responses. I can hear it now: "Excuse me, sir, are you in favor of the mall? Could you just slip this little piece of paper into your envelope for me?"

The Board of Selectmen had the right idea to set up a centralized committee to collect information about the proposal for all residents to use in making their decision. This com-

mittee needs to explore all ideas with regard to this development and to determine where it fits in with the Master Plan. The committee needs to begin the process of collecting information, not from just the mall developers, but also from the landowners and the Town Manager to figure out what their plans for the land might be in the future. This mall proposal will be a major change for Tewksbury, now and for the future.

Let's just skip the polling stuff and get back to the real job at hand, which is to collect information and relevant facts to help the residents make an informative decision about this proposal.

Anderson once served a number of terms on the Tewksbury Board of Selectmen. Now every other week, he comments on the issues faced by Tewksbury in a column for The Town Crier.

Letter to the Editor

All soldiers should be honored

Dear Editor:

I read the article in last week's Town Crier called "Local soldiers honored for 'Service Above Self'" with much interest. I was expecting to read the name of a family friend from Wilmington who has been serving our country since May of 1998. I was very disappointed to find that he was not on of the soldiers being honored by the Rotary Club. His name wasn't mentioned at the July 4th festivities, either. Hopefully, there are not other servicemen in town who have been excluded from being honored.

I would like to tell you a little bit about this outstanding young man. He is Specialist Christian David Ferraro, son of Chris and Mary Lou Ferraro. Christian graduated from Wilmington High School with the Class of 1998. He joined the

Army reserves in May of 1998 and was in the ROTC program while attending school at the Rochester Institute of Technology. After school Christian worked for Winchester Hospital and most recently as a manager at Papa Gino's in Wilmington and Billerica. He was the Cub master of Wilmington Pack 56 and has been very active over the years as a coach for several of Wilmington's youth sports programs.

Christian was called for deployment January 1, 2003. After a brief period of training, he was based in Kuwait. Then in March of this year he was sent to Iraq. His family is thrilled to hear that he will be able to return home on December 30th for a two-week rest period. He will then return to Iraq not knowing when he will be home again.

I hope that people reading this letter will remember this young man from Wilmington who is putting his life on the line every day for the country. I also hope that in the future all servicemen from Wilmington are honored and that Christian will not

be forgotten.

Thank you!
Bonnie Martin
Wilmington

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Donations will be collected until March 1, 2004, and may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 9 to 5 at Minuteman Senior Services, Northwest Office Park, 24 Third Avenue in Burlington.

For more information, or to arrange for pick-up, please call Krystyn Milone at 781-221-7076

Passport services offered

TEWKSBURY- Town Clerk Elizabeth Carey, Assistant Town Clerk Kathleen Garratt and Sandra Turcotte have successfully completed the requirements of the State Department's Passport Application Acceptance Program.

The Tewksbury Town Clerk's Office is now offering the Passport Service Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Town Hall at 1009 Main Street in Tewksbury.

Check out ice sculpture on Town Common

WILMINGTON - The Chamber of Commerce will unveil its crystal creation on the Town Common on December 6, at 3 p.m.

Can you guess what it will be this year? Did you get it right last year? In the past it has been a bear, a swan, a nutcracker, an angel, a sleigh, a holiday message... so what will it be this year?

Not sure what they are talking about? Well, go find out on Saturday, December 6th, when the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, The Rotary Club, and The Kiwanis Club will present the annual ice sculpture demonstration on the common as part of Wilmington's Tree Lighting Ceremony.

This will be the 12th year that the Chamber of Commerce has helped sponsor the ice sculpture demonstration.

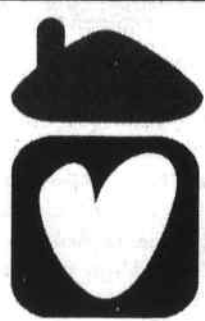
Local resident and professional ice sculptor, J. Stephan Ripianzi, from Images in Ice, will be adding enjoyment to the festivities with a new ice sculpture demonstration and display. To check out some of the company's work - visit their website at www.imagesinice.com.

The ice carving will begin around 3:30 p.m. (it usually takes a couple of hours) and the Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place after 6:00 p.m. This is a family event! Take your hot chocolate and join this annual celebration!

For further information on this or any other event, please feel free to contact the Chamber Office at (978) 657-2211 at anytime. The Chamber would like to thank the Rotary and Kiwanis for their continued support of the community event. Happy Holidays!



STATE HOUSE VISIT. Third grade students from the Shawsheen Elementary School in Wilmington took a field trip with teachers and chaperones to Beacon Hill in Boston recently and met Representative James Miceli at the State House.



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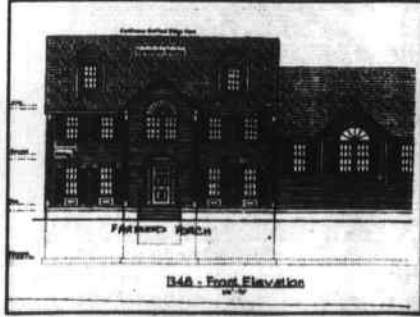
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Lahey physicians named top docs in Boston area

BURLINGTON - Sixty Lahey Clinic physicians have just been named among the Boston area's top doctors by Boston Consumers' Checkbook.

The list was compiled from a survey of more than 11,000 Boston-area doctors. The doctors were asked whom they would consider most desirable for care of a loved one. Doctors who received the most mentions are listed.

"Our physicians are constantly working to provide compassionate care coupled with exceptional patient outcomes," said David M. Barrett, MD, chief executive officer.

Consumers' Checkbook / Center for the Study of Services is an independent nonprofit organization. The group recommends that the public use the "Top Doctors" guide as a reference when discussing referral choices with their primary care physicians.

Lahey Clinic, a physician-led, nonprofit group practice, is world-renowned for innovative technology, pioneering medical treatment, and leading-edge research. A teaching hospital affiliated with Tufts University School of Medicine, the Clinic provides quality health care in virtually every specialty and subspecialty, from primary care to cancer diagnosis and treatment to kidney and liver transplantation.

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GOT HIM. Wilmington authorities nab a man whom they arrested for receiving a stolen vehicle in the parking lot of Lucci's Supermarket on the afternoon of Sunday, November 23. (Stu Neilson photo)

Wilmington Police Log

Monday, November 17

An assault and battery between relatives reportedly occurred on Veranda Avenue.

Gregory LeBlanc, 36, of Lowell, was arrested on Main Street and was charged with the illegal possession of a Class D substance.

Andrezej Dzienis, 52, of South Boston, was arrested on Lowell Street on the basis of a warrant.

Jeffrey Ivers, 25, of Tewksbury, was arrested on Main Street and was charged with his second offense of operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and operating a vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license.

Tuesday, November 18
A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Lowell Street.

A vehicle was reportedly maliciously "keyed" while parked at a business on Research Drive.

A vehicle was reportedly burglarized while it was parked in the lot of MassBank on Lowell Street.

Signs belonging to USA Fitness Center for Women were reportedly vandalized.

Thursday, November 20

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Middlesex Avenue, Adams Street, Salem Street, and Glen Road.

Daniella Lopez, 28, of Woburn, was arrested on Main Street and was charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, illegally possessing a Class D substance, and failing to stay within the marked lanes of travel.

Frank Grillo, 21, of Wilmington, was arrested on Main Street and was charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license.

Friday, November 21
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Grove Avenue, Main Street, and Clark Street.

An assault and battery reportedly occurred on Englewood Drive.

Two Bobcats were reportedly stolen from a business on Andover Street.

The rear window of a vehicle parked at the Wilmington High School on Church Street was reportedly maliciously damaged.

Jason Bodah, 30, of Stoneham, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license.

Donald Francis, 28, of Wilmington, was arrested on Bay Street on the basis of a warrant.

Jenna DiCarlo, 18, of Somerville, and Mathew Datalo, 19, of Wakefield, were arrested on Lowell Street and were charged with possessing alcohol as a minor.

Saturday, November 22
A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Main Street.

A large gathering in front of a residence on Woburn Street reportedly disturbed the peace.

Two tires on a vehicle parked on Evergreen Drive were reportedly maliciously punctured.

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Hathaway Road.

A vehicle was reportedly stolen on Avalon Drive.

John Shirley, Jr., 23, of Haverhill, was arrested on Eames Street on the basis of a warrant.

Sunday, November 23

A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Burritt Street.

A tail light on a vehicle parked on Avalon Drive was reportedly maliciously broken. Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Verdun Road.

Robert Jones, Jr., 23, of Wilmington, was arrested on Route 125 and was charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and failing to stay within the marked lanes of travel.

John Taliaferro, 31, of Roxbury, was arrested on Lowell Street and was charged with receiving a stolen vehicle. Joseph Taliaferro, 71, of Medford, was arrested on Lowell Street on the basis of a warrant.

Shawn Sullivan, 33, of Wilmington, was arrested on Lords Court and was held without bail after being charged with the violation of a restraining order, the malicious destruction of property, and breaking and entering at night for the purpose of committing a felony.

Tewksbury Police Log

Monday, November 17

A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Main Street.

A vehicle was reportedly burglarized while it was parked in the lot at the Oakdale Mall on Main Street.

Jerrilee Crosthwait, 40, of Weymouth, was arrested on Main Street and was charged with the larceny of property valued at more than \$250.

Tuesday, November 18
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street and Shawshen Street.

The windows of a vehicle parked on Decarolis Drive were reportedly maliciously damaged.

A window of a vehicle parked on McLaren Road was reportedly maliciously damaged.

Two males reportedly approached a home on Chandler Street and told the resident that they were employees of the local water department who needed to check the water pressure at the residence. Shortly after they left, the resident reported that a strong box containing money was missing.

Jonathon Trunfio, 29, of Burlington, was arrested on Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Robert Vance Gay, 22, of Billerica, was arrested in Billerica on the basis of a warrant.

Wednesday, November 19
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on

Chandler Street, Ames Pond Drive, and Andover Street.

Authorities logged a complaint in regard to a car radio that was reportedly played too loudly at the Shell Service Station on Main Street.

Neil Sullivan, 33, of Tewksbury, was arrested in North Reading on the basis of a warrant.

Norman Emond, 40, of Lowell, was arrested on Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Thursday, November 20
A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Main Street.

Authorities logged a complaint in regard to excessive noise that was reportedly made while commercial trucks were being loaded in the vicinity of Barker Road.

The glass door of Scampi's Seafood Restaurant on Main Street was reportedly vandalized.

Officers assisted in the removal of an individual from an apartment on Pleasant

Street who was not wanted on the premises.

Lilly Jamine Ruiz, 23, of Lowell, was arrested on Main Street and was charged with domestic assault and battery.

Friday, November 21
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street, Whipple Road, and Boston Road.

Michael Paul Fletcher, 39, of Tewksbury, was arrested on Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Saturday, November 22
Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Wake Street.

Donna Hawkes, 46, of Tewksbury, was arrested on Ipswich Street on the basis of a warrant.

Sunday, November 23
Valerie Cole, 18, of Lowell, was arrested and charged with the larceny of property valued at more than \$250.

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

J.F.K. advocated libraries

As the country remembers President Kennedy on the fortieth anniversary of his assassination, the following quote reminds us that JFK was an advocate of public libraries and the freedom to read:

"If this nation is to be wise as well as strong, if we are to achieve our destiny, then we need more new ideas for more wise men reading more good books in more public libraries. These libraries should be open to all—except the censor. We must know all the facts and hear all the alternatives and listen to all the criticisms. Let us welcome controversial books and controversial authors. For the Bill of Rights is the guardian of our security as well as our library." — John F. Kennedy

Holiday Music with Bell Choir

The Bell Choir of the Wilmington United Methodist Church will present a concert of holiday music at the library on Tuesday, December 2nd at 7 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity to hear these talented musicians ring in the holiday season.

Bookends

Bookends will meet on Thursday,

December 4th at 7 p.m. to discuss *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser. For a roster of upcoming titles to be discussed, check the library's website at www.wilmli-brary.org under "Events and Programs."

Book Discussion

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin will be discussed on Friday, December 5th at 3:30 p.m. This mystery, recommended for children in grades 5 and above, won the Newbery Medal in 1979. With suspense and humor involving the mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire, Raskin brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance. All are welcome to drop-in for a lively discussion.

Snowflake Craft

Drop-in on Saturday, December 6th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to create wintry snowflake designs, one for take-home and one for library display. All ages.

Teen Comics Club

All middle and high school students are welcome to attend the Teen Comics Club meeting to be held on Monday, December

8th at 7 p.m. Come check out the library's collection of mangas, anime DVDs, and comic books. Don't forget that the library also subscribes to "Animerica" and "MAD" magazines. Door prize provided by the Friends of the Library.

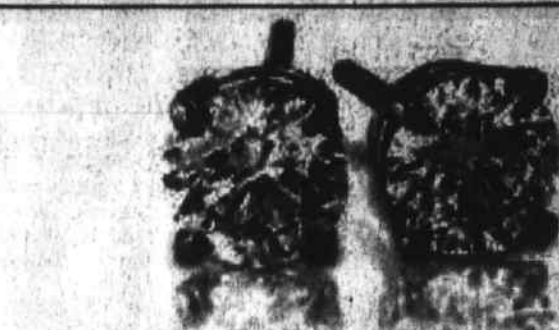
Thanksgiving Holiday

The Wilmington Memorial Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26th, the day before Thanksgiving. The library will be closed on Thursday, November 27th, Thanksgiving Day. The library will be open on Friday, November 28th and Saturday, November 29th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wilmington History:

A Church Perspective on WCTV

Thanks to Dick Grinder who videotaped the library program "Wilmington History: A Church Perspective," WCTV will broadcast it on Friday, December 5th at 1 p.m. and at 7 p.m., and on Saturday December 6th at 4:30 p.m. The library also has a videotape of the program available to borrow.



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Each family in the program has gotten together their "attic treasures" to sell at our yard sale on Saturday, November

29th from 9-3 at St. Thomas of Villanova, Villanova Hall, 126 Middlesex Ave, Wilmington, Ma. 01887.

One hundred percent of all money taken in will go directly toward paying for the girls' trips, which are estimated at \$650 per girl.

The teams will also have a holiday craft table with beautiful new items for gift giving, as

well as a craft table for children and refreshments. Please stop by and help send the girls to the Nationals.

If any corporation or individual would like to make a monetary donation to the girls it can be sent to: Wilmington Pop Warner, C/O Nationals Trip, P.O. Box 42, Wilmington, MA 01887

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BREAK OUT THE BUBBLY. Main Street Liquors in Tewksbury held a wine-tasting last Saturday afternoon. Raising their glasses were, from left to right, Terri Guenard, of Vic Zelinsky Associates, Janice and Bobby McCoy, who owns the store, Paul Gambardella and Ken and Sue Morrison. (Stu Neilson photo)

Insurance Weekly

by Christina Miceli, CPCU, CIC, LIA

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Week of December 1, 2003

Boutwell and Wildwood

Monday: Hot dog on a roll, potato chips, seasoned corn, milk, juice, popcorn

Tuesday: Pasta with meat sauce, or butter, cheese sticks, seasoned vegetable, dinner roll, chilled fruit, milk, juice, ice cream

Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup with saltines, grilled cheese sandwich, carrot and celery sticks with low-fat dip, chilled fruit, milk, juice, dirt cup dessert

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, French fry smiles, green beans, wheat bread, chilled fruit, milk, juice, snack cake

Friday: Italian style pizza, garden salad, chilled fruit, milk, juice and ice cream

Elementary Schools

Week of December 1, 2003

Monday: Hot dog on a roll, potato chips, seasoned vegetables, chilled fruit, milk, juice, snack cake

Tuesday: Meatball sub, potato chips, vegetable w/dip, chilled fruit, milk, juice, cookies

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, mashed potato, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk, juice, dessert

Thursday: Pasta and meat sauce, tossed garden salad, French bread, chilled fruit, milk, juice, "school made" cake with frosting

Friday: Italian style pizza pepperoni opt., seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk, juice, ice cream

Wilmington Middle School

Week of December 1, 2003

Monday: Hot dog on a roll, French fries or potato rounds, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk, juice, dessert

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, whipped potato, seasoned corn, chilled fruit, milk, juice, dessert

Wednesday: EARLY DISMISSAL - French toast sticks with syrup, ham sticks, vegetable sticks, chilled fruit, milk, juice, dessert

Thursday: Loaded Nachos-

Nacho Chips, cheese sauce, tomato, lettuce, salsa, seasoned ground beef, seasoned rice, chilled fruit, milk, juice, dessert

Friday: Pizza bagel, macaroni salad, chilled fruit, milk, juice, ice cream

High School

Week of December 1, 2003

Monday: Chicken Parmesan on a roll, fluffy rice, seasoned vegetables, chilled fruit, milk, juice, dessert

Tuesday: Steak and cheese bomb, seasoned vegetable, potato chips, chilled fruit, milk, juice, dessert

Wednesday: Taco Bar, seasoned rice, shredded lettuce, tomato, cheese and salsa, chilled fruit, milk, juice, dessert

Thursday: Chicken in a basket, french fries, chilled fruit, milk, juice, dessert

Friday: Domino's Pizza, macaroni salad, chilled fruit, milk, juice, ice cream

TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**Elementary School**

Week of December 1, 2003

Monday: Ravioli in sauce, garden peas, hot roll, milk, pears

Tuesday: Cheese melt, potato sticks, carrot sticks, milk, chocolate cake

Wednesday: American shop suey, green beans, garlic bread, milk, chocolate cookie

Thursday: Torpedo roll with mixed cold cuts or turkey, potato sticks, veggies, milk, ice cream

Friday: Hot Pockets pizza calzone, garden salad, milk, fruit

Ryan School and Wynn Middle

Week of December 1, 2003

Monday: Stuffed shells in sauce, garden peas, hot roll, milk, pears

Tuesday: Lunches served only in Elementary Schools (1/2 day)

Wednesday: American shop suey, green beans, garlic bread, milk, chocolate cake

Thursday: torpedo roll with mixed cold cuts or turkey, potato sticks, veggies, milk, ice cream

Friday: Hot pockets pizza calzone, garden salad, milk, fruit

Tewksbury High School

Week of December 1, 2003

Monday: Stuffed shells in sauce, garden peas, hot roll, milk, pears

Tuesday: Lunches served in Elementary Schools only (1/2 day)

Wednesday: American shop suey, green beans, garlic bread, milk, chocolate cake

Thursday: No lunch served (1/2 day)

Friday: Hot pockets pizza calzone, garden salad, milk, fruit

SHAWSHEEN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Week of December 1, 2003

Monday

Line 1- Stuffed crust pizza

Line 2- Meatball sub, turkey roll up, breaded chicken fillet, grilled chicken fillet

Line 3- Cheese ravioli with meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, fresh and canned fruit, milk

Tuesday

Line 1- 5 " Pizza

Line 2- Meatball sub, turkey roll up, breaded chicken fillet, grilled chicken fillet

Line 3- Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, carrots, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk

Wednesday

Line 1- Stuffed crust pizza

Line 2- Meatball sub, turkey roll up, grilled chicken fillet, turkey roll up, cheeseburger

Line 3- Salisbury steak with onion gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans Romano, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk

Thursday

Line 1- French bread pizza

Line 2- Meatball sub, turkey roll up, grilled chicken fillet, BBQ pork rib

Line 3- Hot turkey sandwich with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, fresh and canned fruit, milk

Friday

Line 1 and 2 - Meatball sub, grilled chicken fillet, turkey roll up, BBQ pork rib

Line 3- Italian style pizza tossed salad, garlic bread sticks, fresh and canned fruit, baked dessert, milk

Tucker announces office hours

TEWKSBURY - Senator Sue Tucker will be holding her monthly office hours at Tewksbury Public Library on Tuesday, December 2nd from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All town residents are invited to stop by.

Senior Menu

Week of December 1, 2003

Monday: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomato, seasoned carrot apple slices with cinnamon, potato bread and butter, milk, ice cream

Tuesday: Oven baked chicken, whipped potato, butternut squash whole wheat bread and butter, cranberry sauce, milk, pudding with topping

Wednesday: Tuna Noodle Casserole, mashed potato, seasoned carrots, pumpernickel bread, chilled peaches, milk, nutty bar

Thursday: stuffed pork chops, scalloped potato, seasoned spinach, whole wheat bread and butter, chilled applesauce, milk, dessert

Friday: Baked fish with broccoli, mashed potato, cole slaw bread and butter, chilled pears, milk, ice cream

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Sat. Dec. 6th 6:30 PM - Free hayrides starting at 5 PM

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Longwood Travel marks 25th anniversary with open house

by COLETTE BACHAND WOOD

WILMINGTON - On Saturday, Dec 6th the folks at Longwood Travel are celebrating and inviting friends, neighbors and anyone who is interested in winning free trips to join them at their Lowell Street office. From 10 a.m. to 1 in the early afternoon they will be hosting an open house. Besides the usual refreshments they are raffling a Round Trip Ticket to anywhere in the continental US or the the Caribbean or Mexico or the Bahamas courtesy of American Airlines. A three-night stay at any one of the Breezes Resorts is also up for grabs in the raffle.

But wait! There's more! Everyone wins! Anyone who visits Longwood's open house is eligible for a \$25 discount on any 7 day cruise or air/land package. TNT packages can earn an additional \$25 p.p. discount!

This is a feisty crew. Maybe the "long" in Longwood Travel has something to do with longevity.

Longwood Travel has been in operation for 25 years and Bruce Mandel, President of the Wilmington, MA agency, will tell you that it is still possible for travel agents to make it in the world-despite the internet, despite commission cuts, despite wars, recessions and all the other waves of change that he has seen.

Mandel started working for Longwood in 1981 under its then owner Joe Brenner and in April 2001, he bought the business.

He is a native of Massachusetts and a graduate of the Travel School of America. As a child he traveled with his parents and can remember booking airline tickets for them when he was very young. Travel school seemed like a natural fit and after graduating, he answered an ad in the newspaper for a travel agent and began a lifelong career at Longwood.

At one point, Longwood Travel had offices in Woburn and in Boston along with the Wilmington location. Mandel was managing the Wilmington office when the agency went for sale in 2001.

Mandel says he is among those who can remember handwriting tickets, but despite all the changes in the industry, his business is still going strong in 2003. The biggest change at Longwood has been a shift in business from corporate travel to leisure. In the 1980s and early 1990s, 80 percent of Longwood's business was corporate. Today that has changed to a 50/50 percent share, with new leisure business picking up where corporate is dropping off.

Tony Guay is Longwood's Leisure Travel Manager. He says that despite all the travel opportunities available on the internet, most people still value the knowledge and first-hand experience a travel agent has to offer.

Guay owned his own agency in North Andover, MA but closed it last year and moved over to Longwood. He said that happy, repeat customers are

what keep Longwood Travel strong.

"We do our best for our customers and they come back," he said. He even does house calls for an elderly couple that book two or three cruises a year. Guay says he can sell travel because he has been to almost all the places he sells and can share honest, first hand information, a service the internet can not offer.

Both Mandel and Guay said that consumers are learning that when they book trips themselves online, they don't always know what they are getting. "When you book a cruise on-line, no one is going to tell you not to take a cabin because it has an obstructed view. We will," said Mandel. Most times, he says he can also get better quality trips at lower prices than people get on the internet.

Longwood Travel calls every client when they return from a trip to see how things went. That level of service, according to Mandel, is what keeps Longwood alive.

To reach the leisure market, Longwood Travel relies on its e-mail database of more than 1,400 people, along with former corporate customers form its neighbor Textron which employs hundreds of workers in a building shares with Longwood. The most popular destination for Longwood's Leisure clients this year is the Caribbean, particularly Jamaica, cruises and Las Vegas.

Collette Bachand Wood writes for Travel New England

A message from Linda Brabant of the Tewksbury Senior Center . . . Holiday activities in full swing

TEWKSBURY - An activities meeting will be held on Friday, December 5th, at 9:00 a.m. in the crafts room. All are welcome to attend. We will be planning for the COA and Friends Santa Day of December 14th and we will be looking ahead at 2004! Why not come on down and join us. Don't forget to bring along some new ideas.

Tickets were still available for the Monday, December 8th COA Christmas Dinner. The last day to purchase a ticket will be next Monday, December 1st. Tickets for this event are \$10 for Tewksbury Senior Citizens and \$20 for guests. Those seniors utilizing bus transportation for the Monday evening dinner should confirm that they are on the list by next Friday, December 5th, at noon. We will note the time that home pick-ups will start in our next news column.

There are no tickets available for the Tuesday, December 9th, dinner. However, we are taking names for the waiting list.

Seniors attending one of the Christmas Dinners should note that the doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. A seating plan for both evenings will be posted at the Senior Center by Tuesday the 2nd for your viewing.

Due to requests, we have scheduled an information talk on the "Red Hat Society." This informational gathering will be held on Wednesday, December 10th, in the main hall at the Senior Center beginning at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend and find out all about

the "Red Hat Society."

Tickets are now available for the COA and Friends "Santa Day." The event will be held on Sunday, December 14th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and will include an ice cream sundae and pictures with Santa. We ask that one obtains tickets prior to the event. Adult tickets are \$2; Tewksbury Senior Citizen tickets are \$1 and children's tickets are 50 cents.

If you are looking for a gift suggestion for a Tewksbury senior, may we suggest our \$5 gift certificates that can be used for COA or Friends of the Elderly activities at our Center. They are on sale now at the Activities Office.

Dr. Smith will conduct a podiatry clinic at the Senior Center on Tuesday, December 16th. One must pre-register and make a co-payment of \$10. You will be given an appointment time when registering. This clinic is limited to the first 25 Tewksbury Senior Citizens who sign up. Priority is given to those people who were on the waiting list from the last clinic. As with new trips, registration for this clinic will begin on Monday, December 1st.

The Silver Tones Band will perform a Christmas Concert at the Senior Center on Friday, December 19th. This concert will be held right after lunch at 12:30 p.m. We encourage everyone to come on down and join in the holiday festivities.

The shopping trip to the Nashua Mall will leave the Center on Thursday, December 4 at 9:30 a.m. There is still room on this trip if you are interested in getting some

Christmas shopping done.

The next casino trip will be to Foxwoods on Monday, December 29. Tickets are \$19 and will go on sale beginning Monday, December 1. No reservations will be taken over the phone for this trip. There will be only one bus for this trip.

Due to a scheduling conflict and the small amount of interest, the trip to see the Festival of Trees in Methuen has been canceled. Refunds will be given to the people who paid for this trip. If you paid by check, your check will be mailed to you. If you paid by cash, please come to the Activities Office for your refund.

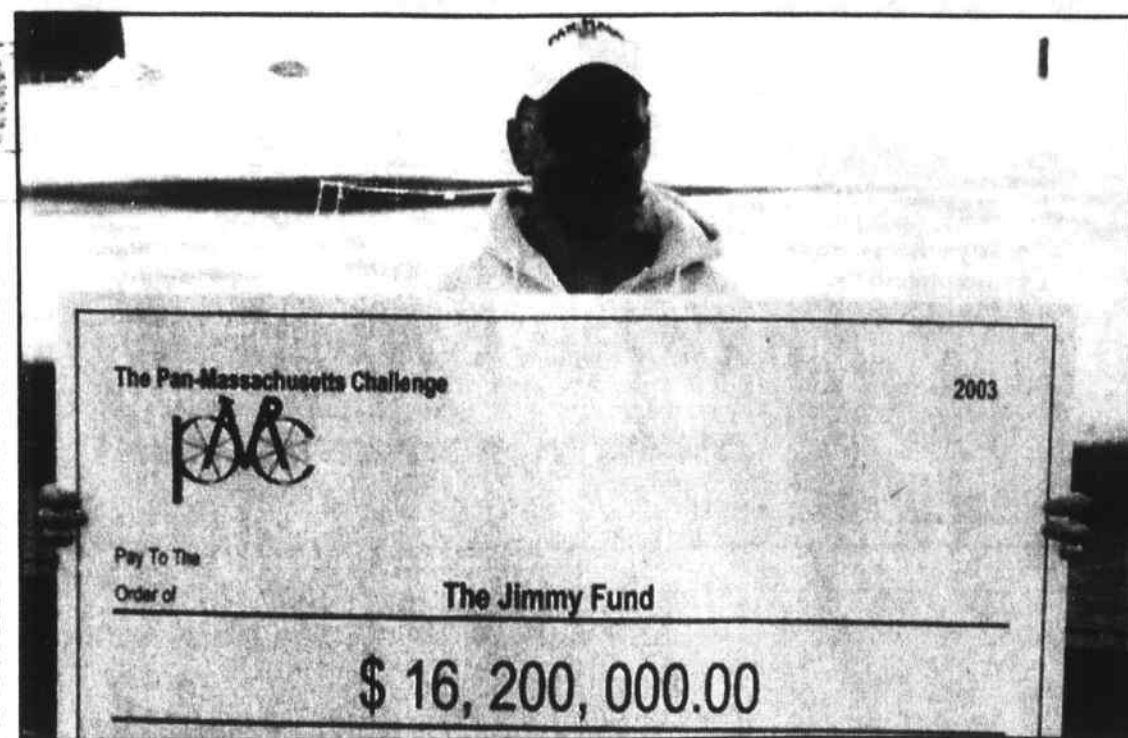
Last call for "A Christmas Holiday" show at the HuKela restaurant in Chicopee, MA, on Monday, December 8. This is a Best of Times production that includes the HuKela's Hawaiian Christmas Show plus an additional attraction of a Best of Times show featuring vocalist Jan Peters and pianist Tom LaMark. The show will be followed by a trip to see the Bright Nights light display in Springfield. Tickets are on sale for \$51 which includes a luncheon meal, the shows, and the Bright Nights display. We have a limited number of tickets. Please note, this trip will not return to Tewksbury in time for the COA party on December 8.

If you have questions about any of our trips, please call the Center at 978 640-4482. We will be happy to answer your questions; however, we cannot reserve a space for you over the phone. You must purchase your tickets at the Center.

Have a good week and God Bless America.

Holiday social to be held at Harnden Tavern

WILMINGTON - The Friends of the Harnden Tavern present their annual Holiday Social on Sunday, December 7th, 2003 from 1-4 p.m. Enjoy an old-fashioned holiday gathering at Wilmington's 18th century museum, The Col. Joshua Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. Wilmington. Donations at the door include: music, refreshments, holiday decorations, children's craft room and more. \$5 per person, \$15 per family of 4 or more.



BIG CHECK. Wilmington resident Frank Haubner was at Fenway Park on Saturday, November 8 when the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge presented \$16.2 million to the Jimmy Fund. Haubner was among the 5,500 cyclists who competed in the fundraiser last August.

A message from Terry Marciello, the Director of the Wilmington Senior Center . . .

Seniors thankful for community's efforts

WILMINGTON - Thanksgiving is a time of thanks and the Wilmington Department of Elderly Services has a lot to be thankful for this season. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many residents and organizations in Wilmington

that have been so giving: The Wilmington Rotary for donating a monthly financial donation to a Wilmington elder in need; Saint Thomas' for making homemade meals and delivering them on Thanksgiving Day; Saint Elizabeth's Episcopal Church for several

large money donations to elders and their families for Thanksgiving meals; The Methodist Church for their generous gift certificates; Wilmington Police Department Union for sponsoring a delicious spaghetti meal at the center on November 12, 2003; Dunkin Donuts of North Wilmington for their daily donation of donuts to the Buzzell Senior Center; Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks for the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Dance including a delicious turkey dinner and raffle prizes; The Mayo Medical Laboratories of New England for the beautiful center pieces donated for our November Annual Holiday Craft Fair and to the anonymous families that are delivering homemade meals on Thanksgiving Day. The elderly residents of Wilmington are very fortunate but they are also very appreciative for all that everyone does for them. As one elder said, "I'm so happy I live here in Wilmington, I'm never forgotten." Thanks again to everyone who makes this Thanksgiving special once again

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When:

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Time:

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Sunday, December 7th

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1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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Birth

KANE: Kristen (Palm) Kane and Kyle Kane of Wilmington wish to announce the birth of their son Michael Patrick, born, on November 11, 2003. Grandparents include Ken and Judy Palm, and Richard and Susan Kane. Michael has an older brother Jameson.

Help wanted

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY Administrative Assistant/ Permit Technician

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An application and job description may be obtained from the Administrative Services Dept. (978-640-4488).

Applications must be submitted no later than December 5, 2003.

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Social News



PAGEANT WINNER. Kia Dunn, 10, of Wilmington, has won the National Miss American Sweetheart Hostess title for 2003. Kia is receiving her crown, banner, trophy and other awards for the distinction at the National Activities at Walt Disney World this week. Her parents, Jack and Mary, wish to thank all of the local businesses that helped sponsor Kia during her journey to the crowning.

Granny's Bake Sale at Deming Way

WILMINGTON - Members of the Tenants Association are getting their ovens heated in preparation for Granny's Bake Sale. A group of the ladies are planning on selling dozens of pies and cakes to raise money for those seniors who would like to participate in the various trips the seniors make.

The bus costs are becoming too expensive for some of the seniors and "the grannies" have decided to take up the pie tin to raise funds to offset those escalating costs.

On Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 9 to noon they will be offering their wares at #41 Deming Way in Wilmington.

The delicious wares will include cakes and pies, cookies and other delights.

Call 978-657-0456 and for more information

Deming Way is located off Burlington Ave. (Rt 62) at the traffic lights just west of Rt 38.

Arlington Catholic honor roll

WILMINGTON- The following Arlington Catholic High School students from the town of Wilmington made the honor roll for the first marking period:

Second Honors
Alicia Cadigan, Elizabeth Morrissey, Kerri Stinson, Mark Walsh

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Given in marriage by her father, the bride was resplendent in a silk satin Carolina Herrera gown. The bridal attendants wore sage green silk gowns and the groom's attendants wore black formal tuxedos.

Sharing in the wedding ceremony were matron of honor Dawn Breuer, maid of honor Frances Karandy, bridesmaid's Amy and Becky Flannery and

flower girls Samantha and Catherine Merritt. Glen Fox and Joseph Gennetti shared best men duties. Ushers were Brian and Arthur Merritt, Daniel Sughrue, and Donald Partington.

The bride is a project manager for Advanced Elevator Technologies and the groom is an elevator constructor for I.U.E.C. Local 4

A fabulous afternoon reception was held under a tent on the grounds of the Stevens Estate in North Andover. After a honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii, the couple will reside in Dedham.

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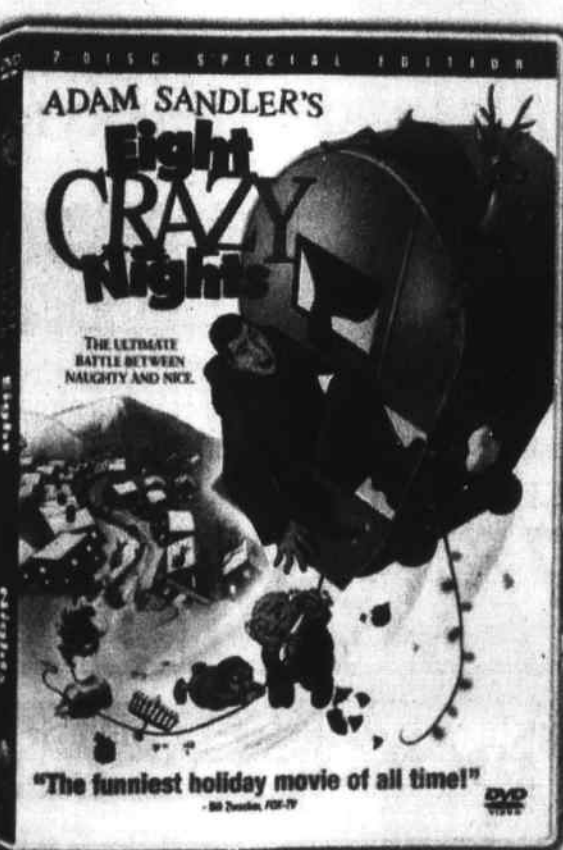
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Joined by his wife, Ginger they relocated the Main Street store to 2 Lowell Street, (Intersection of Route 38 and 129), Square One Plaza in Wilmington, to expand their scope of services. Now in addition to their full floral services, there are now wonderful collectibles to meet all your gift giving needs. Included in their new line of gifts are the ever

popular Analee Dolls. Stop in and see their extensive Christmas collection, just in. Their is a wonderful line of Bearington Collectible Bears, which are highly detailed pieces that have limited production runs. "Must see's" are the "leading by design" Toland Flags, and hand painted 100 year old decorative Slaters. Bridgewater Candles, "the clean burn candle", sparkle along with Joan Baker, hand painted sun catchers and decorative panels. Blue Mountain Greeting Cards provide the Hand Crafted look with a variety of cards for every occasion. One of the most favored additions by their customers are the

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Wilmington youths to appear in "Nutcracker"

MEDFORD - Arielle Cimen, Lauren Cronan and Lindsey McCarthy all of Wilmington will be appearing in the northeast Youth Ballet Company's professionally staged production of The Nutcracker during a two week Christmas Holiday engage-

ment. The production runs from December 12th through the 21st at the Chevalier Theater in Medford at 30 Forest Street. A total of 151 young dancers from northeastern Massachusetts will be appearing in the production. A Christmas tradition for

many families, The Nutcracker is a story of holiday dreams and magic. Wakefield resident and NYB Artistic Director, Denise Cecere has much experience to bring to this young company. Professionally she has performed with the Boston

Ballet, Ballet Theater and the North Star Ballet in Fairbanks, Alaska. As a choreographer she has staged many productions of classical repertoire and contemporary works including NYB's annual performances of The Nutcracker and this years spring production of Peter and the Wolf with Boston Musica Viva. For Ms. Cecere, it is very important that the audience, young and old, watch closely to see that in NYB's production on the Nutcracker the 1st act splendor foreshadows Clara's magical journey in the Land of Sweets, Act II.

Northeast Youth Ballet, a non-profit ballet company, is dedicated to providing quality performance opportunities for dancers with varying levels of technical expertise and years of experience. Their purpose is to encourage young dancers to fulfill their dreams and realize their potential by promoting the art of dance. Scholarships are available for qualified students, a discounted admission for performances to other charities such as special groups, elderly services, underprivileged families and schools.

NYB's budget is supported by tuitions, charitable contributions by individuals and local businesses, and more than 100 volunteers.

For more information or to purchase tickets: call TicketWeb (866) 468-7619 or visit www.ticketweb.com. Keyword northeast youth ballet or visit www.northeastyouthballet.org



SURPRISE AT THE WINE TASTING. Oftentimes when a local business holds an event, local politicians show up to get in the limelight. This was just a little out of the ordinary: Bobby McCoy and his wife Janice opened their doors at the Main Street Liquors recently in Tewksbury. Famous for his Pizza Mia restaurant in North Wilmington (which he recently sold) McCoy is himself politically connected. His brother is the chairman of the Wilmington Board of Selectmen, his uncle is State Rep. Jim Miceli. But who should show up, with flowers no less, but former Wilmington Selectwoman Diane Allan, with her husband George. (left to right are the Allans and the McCos) (Stu Neilson photo)

Obituaries

William F. Dennis Vice President with MGM

NEW YORK - William F. Dennis died on November 23, 2003. A proud graduate of Harvard University, Mr. Dennis had also served in the Korean War with honor. He had worked with MGM serving successfully as Vice President.

Mr. Dennis was the beloved father of Shari Dennis-Belding and Steven Dennis. He was also the cherished grandfather of Jesse, Richard, Valerie, Elena

and Claire; the loving brother of Richard, Gerald and Carol. He was the dear father-in-law of Henry Belding and Nancy Dennis. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on November 26th in New York. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St. Framingham, MA 01701

Rolland J. Roy W.W.II Navy Veteran and founder of Roy's Barber Shop of Tewksbury, 76

TEWKSBURY: Rolland Joseph Roy, age 76, a longtime resident of Tewksbury and 30 year member of the Tewksbury Housing Authority died Sunday, November 23, 2003. He was the husband of Mary (Brannon) (Driscoll) Roy to whom he was married for 15 years. He was born in Barre City, Vermont on March 2, 1927, the son of the late Oram and Lydia (Roy) Roy. Mr. Roy was raised and educated in Washington, VT. He served during World War II in the U.S. Navy and was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Waldron in the Pacific. In 1951, following his honorable discharge, he moved to Tewksbury. He attended St. William's Church. Mr. Roy founded, owned and operated Roy's Barber Shop of Tewksbury where he worked for more than 40 years until retiring in 1989. Mr. Roy was a member of the Tewksbury V.F.W. Post # 8164. During his retirement, he moved to Port Richey, Florida, where he held membership in many clubs and organizations including the Arapeka Lodge of Elks, the Port Richey Eagles Club, the American Legion and the Timber Oaks Golf Club. He enjoyed many activities especially fresh water fishing and playing golf.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Linda S. Chiozzi and her husband Vincent of Andover; 1 son; Paul J. Roy and his wife Donna (Camelio) of Tewksbury; his former wife, Rita J. (Feran) Roy of Tewksbury; 8 brothers; Delore Roy and his wife Josie of Barre, VT, Raymond Roy and his wife Hilda of Sudbury, MA, Edward Roy and his wife Rose of Westfield, MA, Bernard Roy and his dear friend Joan Hughes of Graniteville, VT, Armand Roy and his wife Jeanette of Enfield, CT, Robert

Roy and his wife Maryjane of Burlington, VT, Donald Roy and his wife Nancy of Lakeland, FL and Normand Roy and his wife Maureen of



Burlington, VT; 4 sisters; Mary Foreman, of Quincey, MA; Anita Sequin and her husband Charles all of Burlington, VT; Margaret Carney and her husband Edward of Tewksbury, MA and Diane Stevens and her husband Richard of Barre, VT; 3 grandchildren: Jennifer Roy Bairstow and her husband Scott, Paul Vincent Chiozzi and Melissa K. Chiozzi; also many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Roy was the brother of the late Victor Roy and brother-in-law of the late Lucille Roy, Nette Roy and Joseph Foreman.

Calling hours Friday 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. at the Farmer & Deane Funeral Home, 16 Lee Street, Tewksbury. Funeral Saturday at 9 a.m. from the funeral home. Funeral Mass Friday 10 a.m. at St. William's Church, 1351 Main St., Rte. 38, Tewksbury. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery, Tewksbury. In flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donors choice www.farmeranddeane.com

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Paul Buonopane wins Countrywide Home Loans "Mega Producer" Award

WALTHAM, MA, November 19, 2003 - Countrywide Home Loans, Northeast Region announced its first annual Sales Rally featuring performance awards for employees and educational presentations by leading industry experts. The three-day event will be held November 19 - 21, 2003 at Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT. Countrywide will honor a total of more than 100 employees for their individual accomplishments and contributions to the success of the Company. Countrywide's highest honor, the Mega Producer Award, will be presented to 23 employees, each responsible for originating over \$60,000,000 in loan volume the past year. Paul Buonopane of Tewksbury is being presented the highly regarded award. Paul is a graduate of U Mass, Amherst. A longtime resident of Wilmington, he now resides in Tewksbury with his wife Laura and daughter Fallon.

"The Northeast Region ranks the highest in the country for the most loans closed in 2003," says Brian Koss, regional vice president of Countrywide Home Loans. "It

gives me great pleasure to honor our employees, whose success is a direct reflection of Countrywide's commitment and passion for unparalleled service to our customers."

In addition to honoring this year's superstars, the sales Rally will also focus on education and preparation for the exciting year ahead. The event's exhibition hall will be host to experts from human resources & recruiting, web service, national sales and marketing, technical & mobile solutions, product development and building, and construction and renovation.

The event's honored guest speaker is **Tim Braheem**. Tim is named by U.S. Mortgage

Originator as one of the top 50 loan originators in the U.S. for six consecutive years and is the founder and creator of LoanToolBox.com, an e-learning solution for professionals working in the mortgage industry.

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Junior Basketball registration deadline

The deadline for registration for Junior Basketball is Wednesday, November 26, 2003. This instructional league for children in grades one and two, introduces children to the basics of the

game. This Saturday program is held at the Shawsheen Elementary School gymnasium from January 17th through February 21st. Hour long weekly sessions are comprised of drills and scrimmages.

There is a registration fee of \$25 for each child. After November 26th, there will be a late fee of \$5.00 per registration. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Department in Town Hall, Room 8. For more information, call (978) 658-4270.

monetary donation to the girls it can be sent to: Wilmington Pop Warner, C/O Nationals Trip, P.O. Box 42, Wilmington, MA 01887

WPW cheerleading yard sale

WILMINGTON- Wilmington Pop Warner has two cheerleading teams heading to Walt Disney World in Florida the week of December 7th to compete at the Pop Warner National Championships. The cheerleading teams have won The Middlesex League, Eastern Massachusetts Conference, and The New England Regional Championships which has qualified them to compete against regional champions from all over the United States. The girls will compete at Disney's Wide World of Sports on December 12th for the title of National Champions.

Each family in our program has gotten together their "attic treasures" to sell at our yard sale on Saturday, November 29th from 9-3 at St. Thomas of Villanova, Villanova Hall, 126 Middlesex Ave, Wilmington, Ma. 01887.

One hundred percent of all money taken in will go directly toward paying for the girl's trips, which are estimated at \$650 per girl.

We will also have a holiday craft table with beautiful new items for gift giving, as well as a craft table for children and refreshments. Please stop by and help us send our girls to the Nationals.

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Wilmington Recreation Department offerings

DORA THE EXPLORER- Want to see Dora the Explorer in person? Problem solved! Wilmington Recreation has tickets to the January 31, 2004, 5:00p.m. performance at the Wang Center. Orchestra seats are \$35.00 per ticket. Call the Recreation Department at (978) 658-4270 for more information, or stop by the office at Town Hall, room 8 to reserve tickets.

MOVIN' OUT is moving into Boston

Hailed by Time Magazine as the #1 show of the year, the Billy Joel Musical *Movin' Out* is the story of six lifelong friends told over two turbulent decades. Wilmington Recreation has tickets to the April 8, 2004, 8:00 p.m. performance at the Colonial Theatre. Orchestra seats are \$87.00 per ticket, including bus transportation. Call the Recreation Department at (978) 658-4270 for more information or stop by the office at Town Hall, room 8 to reserve tickets.

LION KING Theatre Trip- Due to the overwhelming

demand for tickets to the Lion King, Wilmington Recreation has added a third performance date for 2004. They have tickets to the August 19, 2004, 7:30 p.m. performance at the newly renovated Opera House in Boston. Floor seats are \$91.00 per ticket which includes bus transportation. Call the Recreation Department at (978) 658-4270 for more information, or stop by the office at Town Hall, room 8 to reserve tickets.

B.B. KING, the king of the blues is performing at the Lowell Auditorium. The Recreation Department has tickets for the Wednesday, January 7, 2004, 8:00 p.m. performance. Tickets are \$45.00 per ticket. Call the Recreation Department at (978) 658-4270 for more information, or stop by the office at Town Hall, room 8 to reserve tickets.

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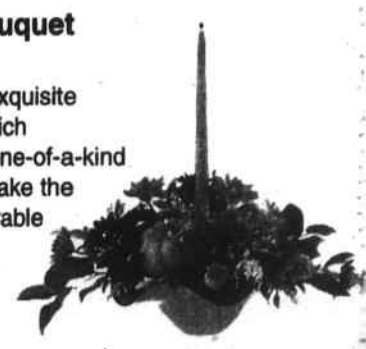


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Affordable housing needs prioritized

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Wilmington faces in creating affordable housing. Such challenges involved maintaining the overall character of Wilmington educating residents on the benefits of affordable housing in order to avoid the Not In My Backyard (NIMBY) mentality that greets most projects.

Residents also identified strategies for the implementation of the plan, which included such possibilities as the designation and use of town-owned land for affordable housing projects, mixed use zoning, redevelopment in the central business region, and the creation of a village activity center in North Wilmington.

A number of Planning Board members attended the meeting

along with Selectmen Robert Palmer, Suzanne Sullivan and Frank West. State Senator Bruce Tarr and Marcie Rizzo, of State Representative James Miceli's office, represented Wilmington's legislative delegation.

Duncan described the meeting as productive and, overall, very interactive. According to Duncan, the owners of the Diamond Crystal property on Burlington Avenue are currently working with the town on an affordable housing proposal for that site.

The Master Plan Committee will continue working with the McGregor & Associates and plans to host the second such forum sometime in mid-winter.

The development of an Affordable Housing Plan (AHP), certified by the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD), offers a community more control over Chapter 40B projects coming into the town.

Chapter 40B refers to the affordable housing laws within Massachusetts that mandates each town provide a minimum of 10 percent of its housing stock as affordable.

Chapter 40B, in essence, gives the state the authority to overrule municipal government in regard to the permitting of proposed housing developments, provided the developer has allocated a minimum of 25 percent of the project as affordable. For instance, should a community, such as Wilmington, deny a

permit for the development of a condominium complex, apartment complex, or housing development which allows for 25 percent of the units to be deemed affordable, the developer can then go directly to the state, who will invariably issue a comprehensive permit.

Communities under the 10 percent mandate, but with a certified AHP, are granted a respite of one year from the threat by developers of 40B, provided, of course, that the plan is implemented and followed.

According to the Department of Housing & Community Development's (DHCD) provision to Chapter 40B Section 31.07, "A decision by the Board to deny a comprehensive permit or grant a permit with conditions shall be consistent with local needs if the municipality has adopted an affordable housing plan approved by the Department pursuant to which there is an increase in its number of low or moderate income housing units by at least three-fourths of one percent of total units every calendar year until that percentage exceeds 10 percent of total units."

Palmer cryptic about adjournment motion

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cial counsel, but Palmer resisted providing too much detail outside of executive session.

Palmer's motion failed by a vote of 4 to 1.

Just prior to the executive session, Palmer stated that he could not comment further in regard to his request.

"But there was absolutely a reason for that request, believe me," Palmer stated.

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Newlyweds off to Iraq

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fireworks, the two found that they enjoyed spending time together.

A day in May changed their relationship forever.

"We got in an argument and both went to work mad," Fred says.

Fred ended up leaving work early and contemplated the argument and his situation. He found Adrienne and asked her to marry him.

He didn't have a ring at the time, but Adrienne happily agreed.

The two were in San Diego at the Hotel Del Coronado for training when Fred asked a second time, this time with a ring. They were on a very crowded beach when Fred dropped to one knee and popped the question once again. Fortunately, Adrienne agreed once again.

As if on cue, a fireworks display began over the beach

immediately following the proposal.

"We watched fireworks on our first date and then again on that beach in San Diego," Adrienne says.

Their wedding was scheduled to be held at the Tewksbury Country Club in June 2004, but the facility was gracious enough to refund their deposit, considering the circumstances. As a result, their big day was held at Adrienne's parents' home in Wilmington and was a small and intimate affair with family and very close friends. The original expected guest list of 300 was cut to approximately 30. The couple plans to have a reception following their return from duty in Iraq.

They can each think of several locations in which they'd prefer to spend their honeymoon.

"We're going to a beach with no water and we're bringing everyone with us," Adrienne

quips lightly.

The newlyweds will be spending the first couple of months in pre-deployment, during which they will re-train and review all of their skills. Next they will be shipped to Kuwait for additional training under desert conditions.

They anticipate spending 12 to 18 months in Iraq.

Adrienne grew up in Wilmington and went through the public school system, graduating within the top 8 percent of her class in 1999. She was a member of the National Honor Society and was queen of her senior prom and was on the court of her junior prom. She received her Associate's Degree in Liberal Studies from Middlesex Community College and is currently enrolled in the nursing program at UMass Lowell.

Adrienne also studies martial arts at the ATA Black Belt Academy. She is a third degree

black belt and world champion.

Fred grew up in Lebanon, Maine. He was the captain of his high school football team, and was an all conference running back in his senior year. He played baseball and basketball as well and contributed to his Babe Ruth League baseball team's appearance in a national tournament.

He joined the Army in 1999, and was stationed in Korea with the 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Stewart, Georgia. Following his departure from service, his unit helped liberate Baghdad.

"My commander was a casualty of the war," Fred states.

He is attending Middlesex Community College and looks forward to becoming a physical therapist upon his return.

The couple plans to save enough money during their tour of duty for a healthy down payment on a house.

Gacek lands the director's chair at WCTV

FROM PAGE 1

to the community," she states. "I also envision a larger, more contemporary media center and state-of-the-art resources for the WCTV of the future."

The new media center on

Gacek's wish list is a top goal. Currently, WCTV broadcasts out of the basement of the old Swain School on Middlesex Avenue. Gacek's hoping that local viewers, who tune in to

such WCTV staples as selectmen meetings, elections and graduations, will help her realize her vision. Such folks are crucial in the face of larger, dominant media companies and the threat of diminishing funds.

"It is vital for communities to continue to support their local access television stations by voicing their opinions about the value of community television resources," Gacek states.

Gacek knows the terrain of local access television quite well. Prior to her arrival at WCTV, she served as the program director of the municipal channel for Lowell Telecommunications, which is the access television station in Lowell. While there, she trained city staff to use television equipment and develop programs. She also launched "Key to the City," a show that profiled various officials and departments throughout the city and detailed how they served the public.

Gacek started her career with degrees and certificates in hand. She holds an undergraduate degree in English and Fine Arts from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell and a Master's degree in Communications from Boston University. That's not all. Gacek has also earned certificates from the New England School of Photography and Boston Film and Video. She kicked off her hi-tech profession as a graduate intern student at Wang Laboratories, working in corporate communications and publishing the company's newspapers for its headquarters and world-wide readership.

Sounds like WCTV is in good hands. And, as always, such directors as Gacek and Kennedy are never alone at

WCTV.

"One of the primary reasons that I am so pleased to be here is because there are so many terrific and dedicated people who volunteer here and work behind the scenes to make so many community programs successful," Gacek says. "When I see so many individuals spending hours videotaping and editing and producing programs that document community events, I am pleased to be a part of it."

Gacek's most excited about the expansion seen in many of the programs produced by the youths in the community.

"Through these programs, students are not only learning and using technology that may lead them to a career in media," Gacek notes. "They're also developing planning, organizational and leadership skills that can help them in every facet of life."

For Gacek, it's all about the freedom of speech when those lights come up and the cameras roll. She hopes to inspire residents to write to their local and state representatives and share with them the importance of having a local access station such as WCTV.

"Whether residents watch local meetings or work on a community program or submit messages for WCTV's bulletin board, it's important to communicate why public access is good for their organizations and their community," Gacek says.

Gacek will lead the charge with that rallying cry.

Vows Gacek, "I will continue to be an advocate for free speech and public access television and to work with organizations to help them publicize their programs and accomplishments within the community."

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Pop Warner D White Team

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DAN DILWORTH
Sports Correspondent

On a cold morning at Chelmsford High School, the Wilmington Pop Warner D Team arrived with one goal in mind: the state championship and the right to go to New Hampshire for the regional finals and, possibly, to Florida for the nationals finals. Twenty-four 9-and-10 year olds from Dorchester stood in their way.

But the Wilmington boys were not to be denied and, after a hard fought battle, the D Team rallied from a 12-6 deficit to beat Dorchester 13-12.

"It was the toughest game we played all year," said coach Mark Bradley. "It was the first time we were ever down and the kids got over that they were down at the half but they sucked it up and won the game."

Bradley believes that teamwork was the most important aspect in getting this far and his team certainly showed it.

"They work together, they practice together, no one misses practice. They work hard at practice and they work hard at the games - they're a good group of kids - they're a team," Bradley explained.

It was a back-and-forth game, with three lead changes. Wilmington wasted little time in showing how they had come this far when, on the first play from scrimmage on Wilmington's first drive of the game, Jaymie Spears ran 80 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point made it 7-0 Wilmington.

Wilmington's defense was solid through the first quarter. The entire defensive line did a great job stuffing the run and on the first drive, Jaymie Spears, Christopher Ryan and Derek Duggan all had tackles. On fourth-and-six, the defense forced a fumble.

In the second quarter, Dorchester running back Wilfred Deshield-Lynch was able to break away from the defense and would have scored a touchdown if not for the efforts of Spears, who tackled him on the five-yard line. Wilmington's defense still put up a fight, however, and James Welch, Derek Duggan, Mathew McKenna and Tyler Valente all had a hand in stopping Dorchester's attacks. Dorchester was able to score eventually, however, making the score 7-6.

On Wilmington's last offensive play of the half, they did not score, but there were still some bright spots. Quarterback Sean Hanley did a nice job scrambling from defenders and was able to run for some posi-

tive yardage on an attempted pass play. Hanley later completed a 20-yard pass to put Wilmington on Dorchester's 20-yard line with eight seconds left. A halfback option play went incomplete, however, and they could not score.

Although Wilmington went into the half with the one-point lead, they quickly lost it when Dorchester running back Javar Coleman ran for a touchdown on the first play from scrimmage. But for the second time in the game, Wilmington prevented Dorchester from tacking on the extra point and the new score remained 12-7.

There was no scoring for the rest of the third quarter. On offense, Spears continued to run well, thanks in part to great offensive line work by Tyler Huebner, Michael Smith and Kevin Moriarty. Mathew Lariffarello, Kevin Murphy and Derek Duggan continued to stuff Dorchester's running game on defense.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, Wilmington had the ball on Dorchester's 21-yard line. Running back Ryan Christopher broke away for a 20-yard run and, four plays later, Christopher scored the go-ahead touchdown. Even though they were not able to get the point after, the score was 13-12 Wilmington early in the fourth quarter.

The defense continued playing solidly down the stretch. At one point, Sean Hanley sacked Dorchester's quarterback on a fourth-down play to force a turnover on downs. On the very next drive, Dorchester almost scored a touchdown but the running back was taken down from behind and the ball was stripped. Wilmington recovered and took over on their own 30.

Dorchester's last drive took them to Wilmington's 20-yard line with under two minutes to play. But yet again, their running backs could not break through the wall of Wilmington defenders as James Welch, Tyler Valente, Killian Smith, Tyler Huebner and Derek Duggan all had a hand in stopping Dorchester three times. On fourth down, it was Kevin Moriarty who ended Dorchester's season, stopping the run attempt and forcing a turnover on downs.

When Wilmington regained possession of the ball with a 1:18 left on the clock, they simply knelt four times to end the game.

The team's next game is Friday in Nashua, New Hampshire beginning at 11:00 am against the Connecticut state champions.



The Wilmington Pop Warner D White team has enjoyed quite the season. They have been crowned the Middlesex League, the Eastern Mass and now the Massachusetts State Champions after defeating Dorchester this past Sunday. The team celebrated after the win showing off the trophy. This Friday, the team will play for the New England Championship in Nashua, New Hampshire. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).



Derek Duggan of the Pop Warner D White team kicks off to Dorchester during Sunday's exciting win held at Chelmsford High School. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

Cheerleading teams already made it Three teams could go onto Nationals

Congratulations to the Wilmington Pop Warner D-White Football team for winning Sunday against Dorchester. The D-White team is not only Middlesex League Champions, Eastern Mass. Champions but they can now add Massachusetts State Champions to their repertoire.

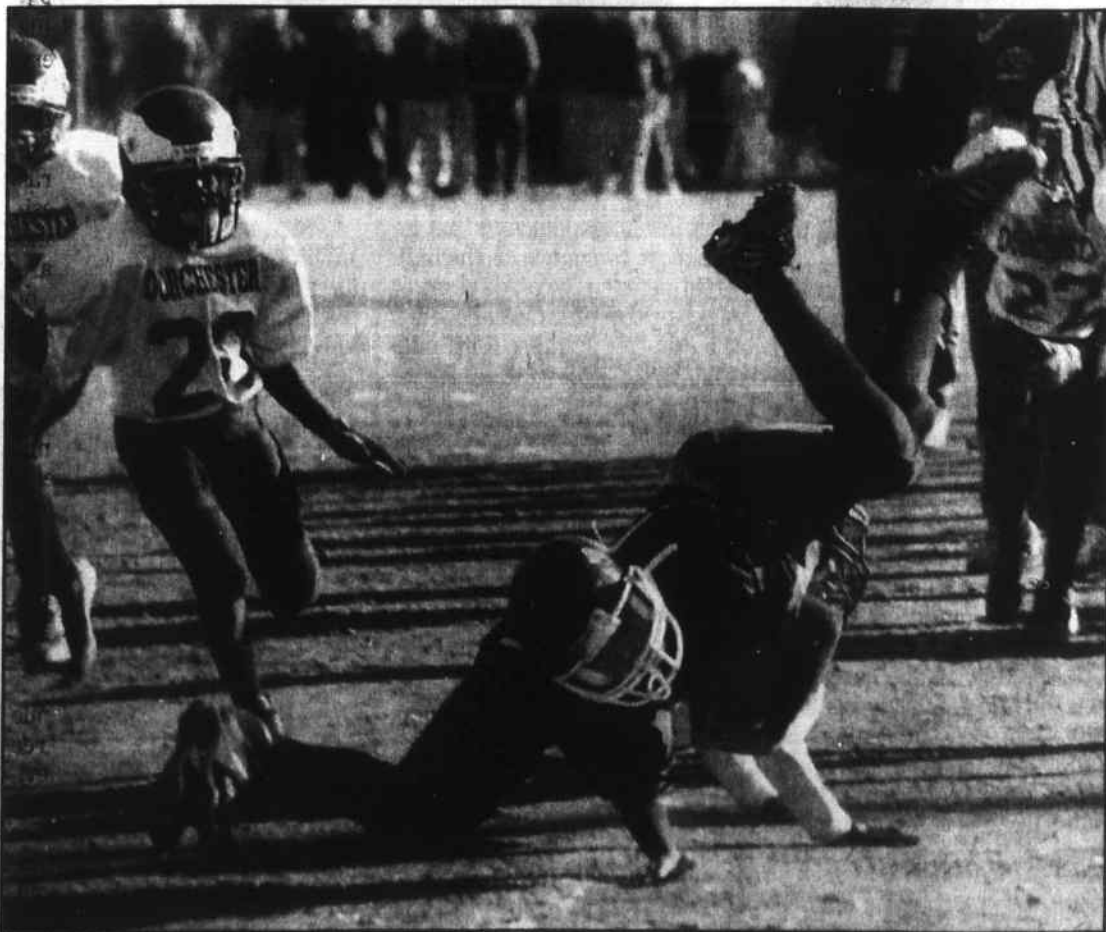
The D-team is now one game away from being New England Regional Champs. They will play Friday at Stellios Stadium in Nashua, New Hampshire at 11:00am. They will be playing Meriden, Connecticut. If this team wins, they will then be eligible to participate in the National Pop Warner Championship in Orlando, Florida during the week of December 7th.

We want to thank the families, friends and the town of Wilmington for the continued support and encouragement they have shown the youth of our program! They are a wonderful group of children who

have worked extremely hard to accomplish what they have. They have made our program very proud. They are great representatives for the town of Wilmington. We congratulate their accomplishments and wish them luck in their future endeavors.

Wilmington Pop Warner has never been in this position before. We have two cheerleading teams already competing at Nationals but we now have the possibility of sending the D-White Football team to participate at this level.

Our participants have started going throughout the town in hopes of raising funds specifically for this event. If you would like to help with these efforts, donations can be sent to Wilmington Pop Warner, P.O. Box 422, Wilmington, MA 01887. For more information you can call Mike Clark, President 978-694-7618 and/or watch the WCTV Sports Forum, Tuesday, December 2nd.



On Sunday as the Wilmington Pop Warner D White team captured the Massachusetts State title with a win over Dorchester in Chelmsford. On the left, running back Jaymie Spears gets tripped up while carrying the ball. On the right, Kelsey Richards and Julianne McKenna, both 13, cheer on the team, especially Julianne's brother, Matt, a member of the team. The team will now play Friday in New Hampshire for the New England Championship. Should they win that game, they will advance to Florida with two cheerleading teams to participate in the Nationals. For more information on the cheerleading teams, please turn inside. (photos by Maureen Lamoureux).

Rams ready for Greater Lowell

By: MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

Barring a post season appearance, Thanksgiving is always the biggest game of the year for any Massachusetts High School football player. In fact, even including post season games, it may be the biggest game of the year. And that is the case regardless of what a team's record is going into turkey day.

It was certainly the case last year for the Shawsheen Tech football team, who despite heading into their annual clash with Greater Lowell with just a 2-8 record, mustered up one of their best efforts of the season to come away with a 21-14 win.

This year is different, however. Although records are thrown out the window on Thanksgiving, this year's game will certainly have more meaning than last year's in at least one respect for the Rams when they travel to Greater Lowell for the 10:00 a.m. kickoff. They enter the game with a 5-5 (3-1 in Commonwealth Athletic Conference Large) record and a win over the Gryphons will give them a winning record for the season, and put a fine finishing touch on what has been a big turnaround this year. Greater Lowell comes in at 5-4 (3-1).

"Having a shot at a winning record certainly adds to it," Costabile said. "A win would also give us sole possession of second place in the CAC Large and would put us in front of all the other vocational schools in the league. It would make us 4-0 against Large Division voke schools with our only loss coming to Tyngsboro."

The Rams also will be especially motivated for this game due to the large number of seniors who will be taking the field for the last time as members of the Shawsheen Tech football team. For most of them, it will likely be the last time they ever play competitive football. Thanksgiving will of course be special for the players from Greater Lowell as well, but it is unlikely they will have as large a group as the Rams.

"We've got 17 seniors and I think that will work in our favor because we have a large nucleus of kids who will be sky high for this game," Costabile

said. "I think the seniors can control the attitude of the whole team going into this game. We just finished by far one of our best practices of the year, so we are hoping to bring more of that to the game."

If the Rams are going to come out on top of the Gryphons, they must contain what is likely the second best offense they have faced all season, with only Tyngsboro being better. The Gryphons have averaged over 25 points per game this season, and if you eliminate the shutout they suffered in their season opening loss to Austin Prep they are averaging over 28 points per game.

"This will be the best balanced backfield we have faced all season," Costabile said. "They've got three kids back there who can play."

The three players Costabile is referring to are all seniors who have started for at least two seasons for the Gryphons. Quarterback Matt Fuller is the field general, but he will rely heavily on his pair of stellar running backs in Vernon Smith (5-8, 185) and John Desrochers (5-11, 200).

"Fuller started every game for them last season," Costabile said. "He can run and pass, but most importantly he has good fieldsmanship. He knows how to control the team and the huddle and will not force the ball in. He is a good, heady player with lots of experience."

Costabile has been equally impressed with Smith and Desrochers.

"Smith has good power and good acceleration. He had a good game against us last year. He brings lots of experience, and he's a tough back who runs hard," Costabile said. "He's got a great balance of power and speed. Both he and Smith are also threats as punt returners. They each returned one for a touchdown last week vs. Whittier."

The Rams certainly appear to have a defense capable of shutting down the Gryphons. They are coming off a game in which they did not allow an offensive touchdown, a 6-2 win over Lynn Tech last week, and have several key players who will be looking to make a difference. Justin Marzeoti leads the team with 46 tackles, while Tewksbury's

Scott Johnson has had a sensational year from his linebacker position, with 43 tackles, 2 fumble recoveries, three interceptions and a quarterback sack. Defensive tackle Joe Kukler, also of Tewksbury, has chipped in with 32 tackles and two fumble recoveries this season.

Offensively, the Rams have shown an ability to put some points on the board themselves, and nobody is more responsible for that than sophomore running back Kyle Marzeoti, who has rushed for 1,151 yards and nine touchdowns. Those totals put him in second place in the area, behind only Tyngsboro's J.J. Sullivan. Marzeoti also has two receiving touchdowns and has posted a total of 68 points this season. Tewksbury's Ken Aalerud, also a sophomore, has rushed for 348 yards and three touchdowns on just 71 carries.

Along with his fine defensive play, Johnson also leads the Rams in receiving with 12 catches for 181 yards and two touchdowns, while Wilmington's Joe Esposito has 10 catches for 92 yards. Throwing the ball to these and other receivers will be either senior Mike Gore of Wilmington, who has passed for 279 yards and two touchdowns this season, or junior Chris Holak who has thrown for 339 yards and six touchdowns.

The Rams lead the overall Thanksgiving series with the Gryphons by a 6-4 margin and they have won the last two meetings, including last year's game played in "Ice Bowl" like conditions at Cassidy Field. The Rams won that game behind three touchdown passes from Gore and a defensive stand inside their five yard line as time expired in the game. History means nothing of course, as the teams take the field this year, vying for the Collins Cup. The Rams have held onto it for two years and have no intention of letting it go.

"There is a nice ceremony at midfield after the game with representatives from both schools, and the cup is presented by Mr. Collins himself," Costabile said. "The kids really enjoy it and I know it's something they would like to take part in again."

Warford has caught on nicely

By: MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

If his Shawsheen Tech teammates are looking for a nickname for senior wide receiver Brendan Warford, they could do a lot worse than "Big Play." Now, "Big Play" Brendan Warford might not exactly roll off the tongue, but it certainly seems to fit the Wilmington native perfectly. Warford has caught just six passes this season for the Rams, but three have gone for touchdowns, and one, a 54 yarder against Algonquin Regional was the very definition of a big play.

Warford himself acknowledges that he seems to have a knack for making the big play. He does not sound cocky about his abilities, but he has a trait that any receiver needs in that he has confidence in his ability to make plays.

"I feel like I have speed, quickness and good hands," Warford said. "I feel like I have the ability to make the big play. In practice, my goal is to try and catch every ball thrown to me and I try to carry that into the game."

It has not all been fun and games for Warford this season. In fact, part of the reason why his reception total is not as high as it probably could be is that he missed two games earlier this season with a broken thumb and then was forced to come back and play with a cast for the rest of the season.

Missing time was difficult for Warford, but his response to wearing the cast in game play might be the most impressive thing he has done this season. Count Shawsheen coach Al Costabile among those most impressed by the Warford's ability to play through the injury.

"He really adjusted well to the cast and I think the extra concentration that he had to have to catch the ball while wearing it helped make him an even more complete receiver," Costabile said. "It says a lot about his attitude that he did not pack it in after the injury."

Warford agrees that he probably stepped up his game a little

after returning from the injury and he had a very simple motivation. Fear. Fear of sitting on the bench, which he had quite enough of during the two games he missed.

"I knew that if I wanted to play, I had to catch the ball," Warford said. "I knew if I dropped it in practice I would not get to play and I did not want to spend the rest of the season on the sideline. When I was hurt I wanted to get out there so bad. The team was doing well, and I just wanted to be part of it."

Warford's eagerness to get back on the field is perfectly understandable. He had suffered through the Rams tough 3-8 campaign last season and was hungry to take part in what has thus far been a 5-5 season as the Rams ready for their Thanksgiving Day tilt at greater Lowell. A win on Thanksgiving assures the Rams of a winning record and Warford is looking forward to ending the season on a high note.

"Thanksgiving is always big, but it's even more so this year because we can finish with a winning record," Warford said. "We had a tough loss to Tyngsboro a couple of weeks ago so we don't have a chance at the league title, but a win on Thanksgiving always makes the food taste better."

And when the Thanksgiving game is over and Warford goes home for his Thanksgiving feast, he will be sharing it with a very large family. Warford is one of nine children of his parents John and Kathleen, ranging in age for 28 to 5. His parents have been integral in not only his athletic success, but also in that of his siblings. Brendan's younger brother Tom, a sophomore will also be suiting up for the Rams on Thursday.

"My parents were always very supportive of all of us playing sports, and my brothers were all good athletes and played Pop Warner football in Wilmington," Warford said. "And it's been a lot of fun playing this year with my brother Tom."

His brother is not the only player that Warford is enjoying playing with this season. In fact, it has been his comrades at wide receiver that have provided a lot of the good times this season.

"I'm having a lot of fun this year. I am good close friends with Joe Esposito and Scott Johnson, and we always have a good time together," Warford said. "We can goof off a little at times, but when it comes time to play we are always serious."

The problem, of course, is that after Thursday's game there are no more games. Win or lose, it will be the last time that Warford is able to suit up with his teammates and go to battle on the gridiron. Although he will still be a fan and will likely be coming to back to watch Tom play, he will miss being part of the team.

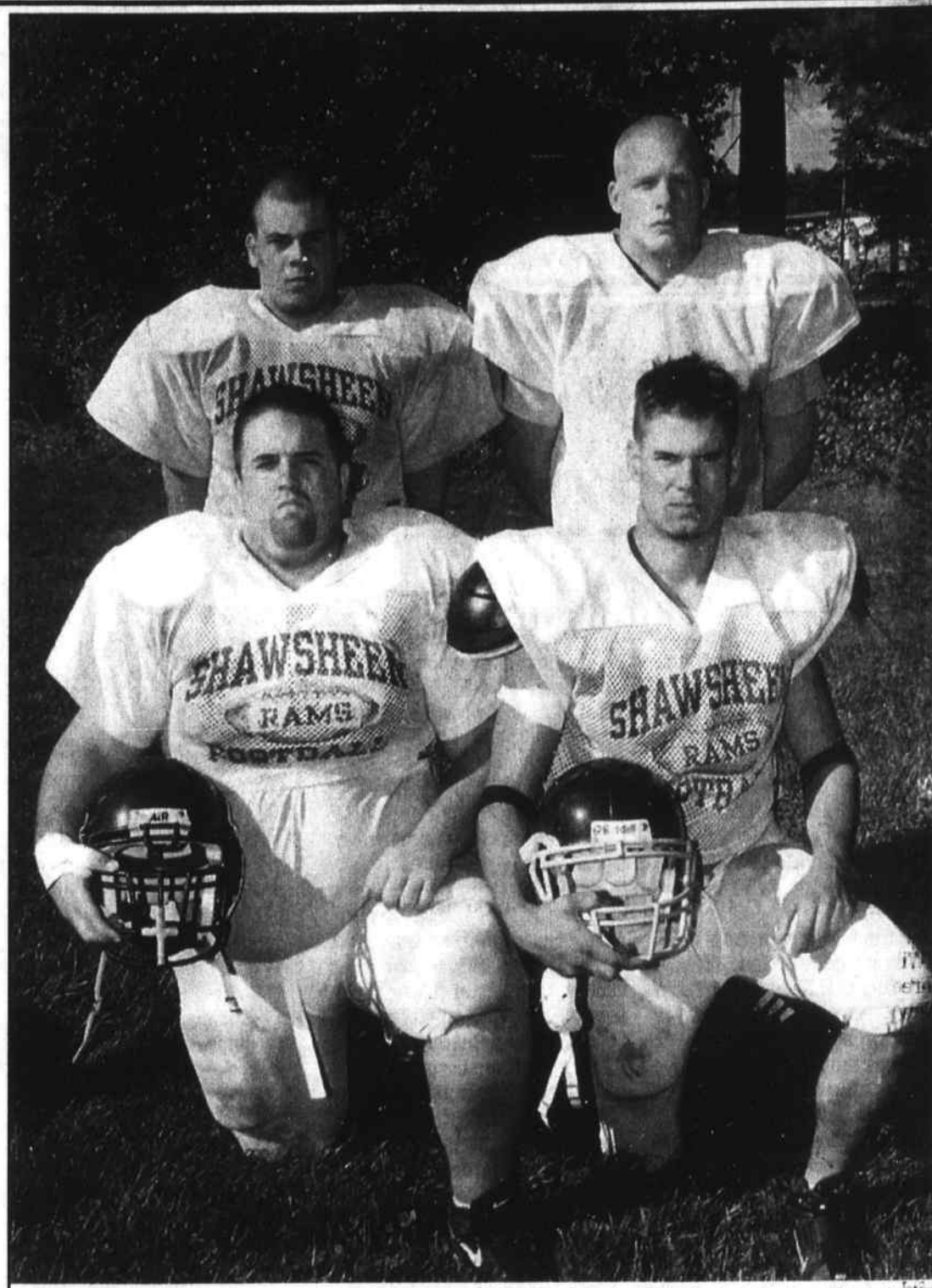
"We really wanted to enjoy this year, because we knew it was our last season," Warford said. "It's kind of hard to see it end because the season has gone by so fast."

Warford will definitely miss playing the game, and definitely miss playing with his friends, but surprisingly that might not even be what he will miss the most about playing ball at Shawsheen.

"Probably the thing I will miss the most other than my friends is the coaching staff," Warford said. "Coach Harris, the offensive coordinator would always yell at me last year because he knew I had the talent but was not taking advantage of it. Sometimes I was not giving my all. But he got after me, and thanks to him I got a lot better."

Costabile, Harris and the rest of the coaches have been very impressed with how far Warford has come as a receiver, but one thing that has remained consistent is Warford has a person.

"He's really done a nice job for us this year," Costabile said. "He does a nice job running routes. He runs great patterns. And he's a hard working, very likeable kid."



The captains of the Shawsheen Tech Rams will be playing in their last game on Thursday. Pictured are Josh Turner, Joe Esposito, Justin Marzeoti and John Pimental. (file photo)

Kukler will appreciate this last one a bit more

By: MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

Every member of the Shawsheen Tech football team is probably enjoying this season more than last, as the team has bounced back after last year's 3-8 campaign to post a 5-5 record as they head into their Thanksgiving Day clash with Greater Lowell.

But perhaps no player is enjoying the season more than senior defensive tackle Joe Kukler. The Tewksbury native suffered knee and foot injuries last season, forcing him to miss most of the year, but this year he has managed to not only play, but to play very well. He has come up with several big defensive plays on the season, and he is loving every minute of it.

"Last year was tough with the injury not being able to help the team," Kukler said. "This year, I still go to see the trainer every week for my knees and they are both swollen up. I wear braces on both knees, but it is good just to be playing."

The fact that the Rams are playing much better this season has certainly helped Kukler enjoy the season that much more. Of course, there is still unfinished business for the Rams this season, and on Thanksgiving morning they will look to cap their season with a win over Greater Lowell and a winning record for the season.

"For the most part the season has been great so far," Kukler said. "It was tough to lose to Tyngsboro a couple of weeks ago, but now we are just looking forward to getting a win on Thanksgiving. It will be nice to finish with a win, so someday I can tell my kids about all the fun I had."

While Kukler has had fun, he has also been quite the contributor for the Rams. Coach Al Costabile is grateful to have him back. While he does fill in on the offensive line, he has made his largest impact on defense, where he has made 32 tackles and come up with two fumble recoveries and a quarterback sack.

"He has made a lot of progress this season and he has gotten better as the year has gone on. He is playing his best right now," Costabile said. "He came along a little last year, but he never really got into the swing because of the injury, but this year he has really stepped up."

While Kukler wants to win on Thursday for the obvious reasons of bragging rights and a winning record, he also has an

eye on the future for his younger teammates. This is one player who will be proud to tell people he went to Shawsheen Tech and even prouder to tell that that he was part of a special season.

"It would mean a lot to have a winning record, because the program is really coming around," Kukler said. "We've got a good young backfield that will get even better and they've got a good offensive line. We would like to show everybody that all of our hard work has paid off."

Kukler's hard work in returning to the lineup has certainly paid off and he has made several big plays among his 32 tackles, several of which have come in key situations. His biggest play of the year, however, came last week when he recovered a Lynn Tech fumble on the one yard line in what would eventually be a 6-2 win for the Rams.

Kukler is proud of his achievements and his ability to come up with a key play when his team needs it, but he also knows that sometimes it is just as important to be more lucky than good.

"A lot of times in key situations the blood stats flowing and you get more pumped and it helps you make the big play," Kukler said. "But sometimes you just get a good bounce. Last week was definitely a case of being in the right place at the right time. Justin Marzeoti made a great hit, and I just jumped on the ball."

Kukler may be being just a little too modest about his part in that particular play. He is correct in that Marzeoti made a spectacular hit, but it is more than just a coincidence that he was there to pounce on the ball.

"On defense, he's got a great nose for the ball and a nose for the point of attack," Costabile said. "He does a nice job of

putting himself in position to make the play."

Kukler agrees that he has that special ability to be in position to make a play, but he deflects much of the credit for his ability to the Shawsheen coaching staff.

"I have played all different positions on defense growing up so I know defense pretty well," Kukler said. "But coach Baker and coach (Jim DeLuca) really helped me work on my skills every day to get better. I practice reading the head of the offensive lineman to know where the ball is going, so I have improved. That's all thanks to coaching."

Kukler also feels that he benefited from growing up in Tewksbury and the coaching he got while playing Pop Warner football.

"Tewksbury Pop Warner gave us a good jump on things coming in as freshmen," Kukler said. "Starting out, we had a pretty good grasp of how to play defense."

As much fun as Kukler has had this season, the tough part of Thanksgiving Day is knowing that it marks the end of his high school career. Win or lose, Kukler knows that it will be tough to see the season come to an end.

"When I think about it being our last game, it is just sad," Kukler said. "The guys on the offensive and defensive line have played together all four years and I have built great relationships with guys like Ryan Connolly and Sean Turner. The line has a great camaraderie and I will really miss that."

And you can be sure that the Rams will also miss Kukler.

"Joe works hard," Costabile said. "He loves the game and he works hard. He is a good team player and just a pleasure to coach."

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Several Wilmington residents were members of the Malden Catholic boys' soccer team which finished with a successful season. Jonathan Gravalles, a senior and Greg Phillips, also a senior, were two members of the team, along with Ray Gravalles, a sophomore on the varsity, and Nick Yeomalakis, a sophomore on JV who both are not pictured. (courtesy photo).

Pop Warner Cheerleaders compete at NE's

Wilmington Pop Warner sent three teams to compete at the New England Regional Competition this past weekend. This competition was held at the Verizon Center and included teams from New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Teams that placed first or second became eligible to compete at the National Pop Warner Cheerleading Championship held in Orlando, Florida during the week of December 7th, 2003.

The Wildcats sent their A-team, their B-team and their C-team to this competition and when the day was over we were as proud as peacocks with their accomplishments.

Our C-team placed 3rd at the New England Regional Competition. They performed incredibly. They could not have added anything to their routine, they could not have changed anything in their routine and they could not have done any better. They were truly amazing. It is always astounding how these children perform in front of thousands of spectators with the ease and confidence they possess. Third place in an accomplishment they should all be proud of. Our program is very proud and happy for them!

This team is coached by Alicia Forester, Michelle Forester, Nicole Minghella, Michelle Minghella, Janice Fitzpatrick and Mary McCool. The team consists of Emily Gilson, Lauren Waring, Erica

Sullivan, Kalyn Davis, Megan McCool, Meaghan Ritson, Kendra Burke, Lisa Russell, Jaclyn Fitzpatrick, Debra McNeill, Kristen Sullivan, Jamielee Powers, Alyssa Nihan, Gabrielle Emerzian, Sarah Ward, Emily D'Amelio, Catherine Parella and Lea Femino.

The Wildcat B-team, WOW! Congratulations girls you are the New England Regional Champions. Yes, it's true, the ladies in Blue came in #1. This team will be competing at the National Competition in Florida, December 12. These girls had an amazing showing. They performed with confidence and they shined when they hit the mat. This will be the first B-team from Wilmington Pop Warner to attend the National Competition and we could not be prouder. Congratulations girls, one word, AMAZING!

They consist of Jen Paris, Janelle Velozo, Miranda Simpson, Meghan Ferrara, Jen Gilardi, Erica Parsons, Val Crampton, Anne Marie Souza, Katie Riley, Samantha Herra, Paige Thebeau, Lauren Genovese, Tara LeBlanc, Kerriane Doherty, Kayla D'Arcangelo, Erin Crowley, Ashley Micalizzi, Meredith Harvey, and Kristen Cabral. They are coached by Kristie Crampton, Andrea DiPasquale, Robin Crowley, Katherine Genovese and Cheryl Riley.

Wilmington Pop Warner will also be sending the Wildcat A-team to the National Competition. Our A-team placed 2nd in their division. This division was a nail biter, and because our team took the floor first, we had many hours until awards were given. This team has strived all year, and

longer to compete at regionals to prove that determination, drive and lucky shoes would not stop them. This was proved on Saturday. This level is always amazing but this year it was more intense. Our girls were phenomenal. There is so much more that can be said, but these girls need to know that the calling of the Wilmington Wildcat Midget Large 2nd place will forever be embedded in our heads and in our hearts! You did it, Congratulations!

The A team consists of Devin Giroux, Jacqueline La Liberte, Angela Jackson, Kaitlin Sirbak, Alicia Cadigan, Michelle Luongo, Amanda Murree, Jenelle Ciulla, Kayla Malone, Jessica Welch, Christine Marques, Kayla Ward, Samantha Souza, Katelyn Gallant, Christina Moretti, Vicky Tanzella, Kathryn Fraser, Nichole Simbeck, Ashley Lanpher, Lauren Westerberg, Stephanie Sauve, Kim Ciampa, Ashley Valente, Nikki Sullivan, Nicole Bonaccolto, Amanda Ciulla, Danielle Underwood, Alicia Nazzaro, Kayla Reynolds and Alyssa Smith. They are coached by Deb Smith, Tricia Fennelly, Christina Buldini, Danielle Hodgson, Rose Jackson, Mary Giroux and Lori Hodgson.

We would like to thank all of the parents and friends for all the support and encouragement they have given our teams. You have made it easier for these teams to accomplish what they have.

Congratulations to our three teams, they were amazing! Good luck to the Wilmington A-team and the Wilmington B-team when they head to Florida to compete at the National level.

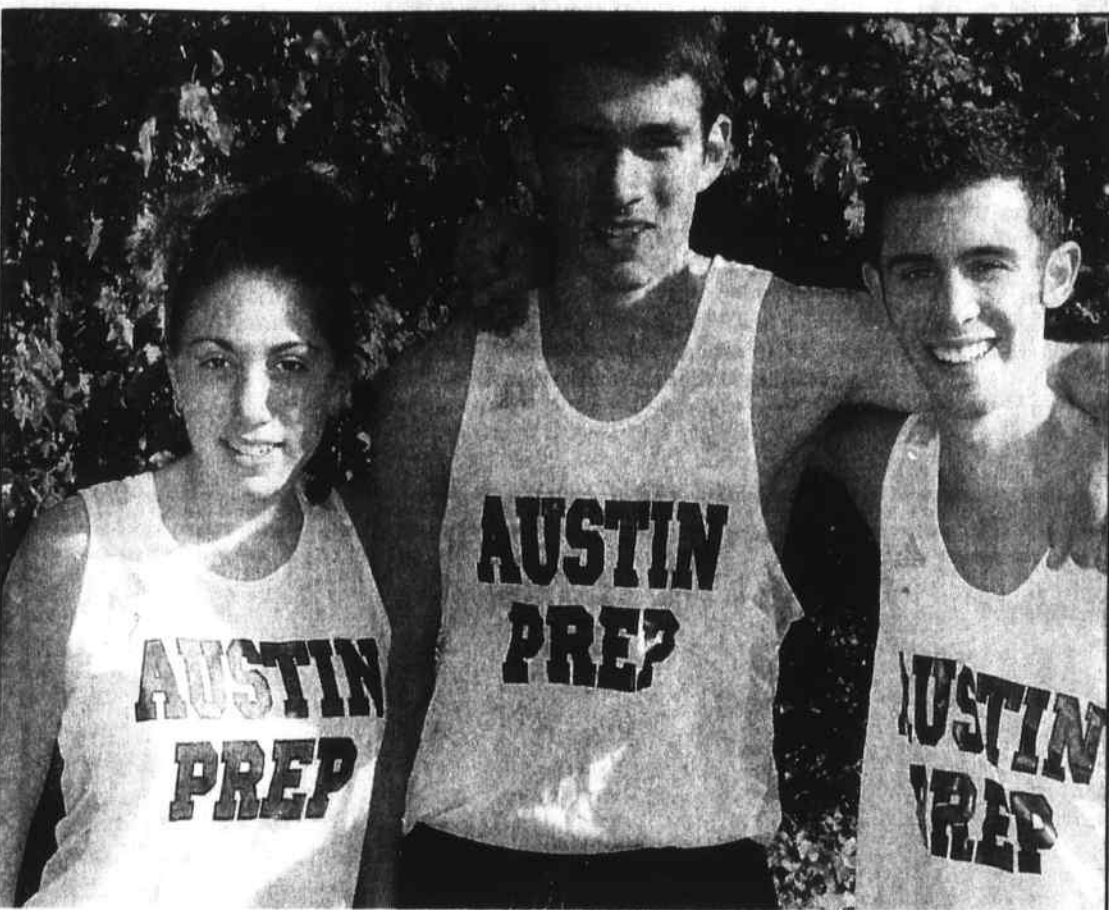
Local runners finish strong

Three Wilmington residents led the girls' and boys' cross country teams at Austin Preparatory School this fall. Sophomore Danielle Faro, who has been running on the girls' team since she was a young sixth-grader, served as captain. Faro, named Most Improved and Unsung Hero in years past, helped her team capture the CCL Small Division title with a 5-0 record. She performed well

at the League Meet, placing first for Austin and 11th overall. Faro is the daughter of Matthew and Cheryl Faro.

Seniors John Cuoco and Kevin Hyde were co-captains of the boys' team for the second year in a row. Cuoco has been running at Austin since he started in seventh-grade, and has been recognized as a League All Star in previous seasons. He is the

son of John and Pauline Cuoco. Kevin Hyde is also a veteran runner, who joined the team as a freshman. He was honored as an All Star at the freshman/sophomore meet and placed in the top ten at the CCL championship meet in 2002. He is the son of Daniel and Donna Hyde. Both Cuoco and Hyde ran well this season and contributed to the team's victory at the CCL meet this fall.



Wilmington residents and Austin Preparatory School cross country captains (left to right): Danielle Faro, Kevin Hyde, and John Cuoco. (courtesy photo by AP).

Junior basketball league sign-ups

The deadline for registration for Wilmington Recreation Junior Basketball is Wednesday, November 26, 2003. This instructional league for children in grades one and two, introduces children to the basics of the game. This Saturday program is held at the Shawheen Elementary School gymnasium from January 17th through February 21st. Hour long weekly sessions are comprised of drills and scrimmages.

There is a registration fee of \$25 for each child. After November 26th, there will be a late fee of \$5.00 per registration. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Department in Town Hall, Room 8. For more information, call (978) 658-4270.



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The Tradition of Turkey Game is what makes Holiday Tradition

By Louie Cimaglia

Just as celebrated as the tradition of Thanksgiving is the tradition of football on Thanksgiving. Tossing around the pigskin after a Turkey Day feast has become customary. After consuming an ample supply of food, what's better than watching some football? Or better yet, how about watching Wilmington High School clash with the Tewksbury Redman before stuffing up on the stuffing.

For 69 years these two neighboring towns have duked it out every Thanksgiving to claim bragging rights. And bragging rights go much farther than the gridiron. This fierce rivalry has been instilled in our culture, and we accept it like we accept gravy with our turkey.

The Wildcats of Wilmington have piloted their way to an 8-2 record. The Cape Ann League title was a reality but fell short on the Hamilton-Wenham 1-yard line. That day will live in infamy, but this season still was a success. Many things went the right way. The 'Cats displayed the passion, toughness and leadership throughout the season, while they continued to come up big, bouncing back from every set back. Those are all the characteristics of this team, and even though they didn't reach the post season, it marked success. This team really overcame being undersized and left out of the playoff picture. They actually reshaped the playoff picture. Now there is only one way to redeem themselves from their loss... to crush Tewksbury on Turkey Day!

Wilmington has eclipsed any doubt they were an elite squad. Handing Masconomet their first loss was a wake-up call to many other teams. But they showed more than what one can see on paper. You cannot go online and look up "team unity" under statistics. Or perseverance or toughness. That's what makes them such an elite squad. Not many teams can have a vaunted rushing attack with no offensive line. Not too many teams display the solid passing attack without good receivers and a quarterback with pinpoint accuracy which Wilmington has. If there was one thing Wilmington did all year it was manage the

clock extremely well. That wouldn't be possible without a stifling defense.

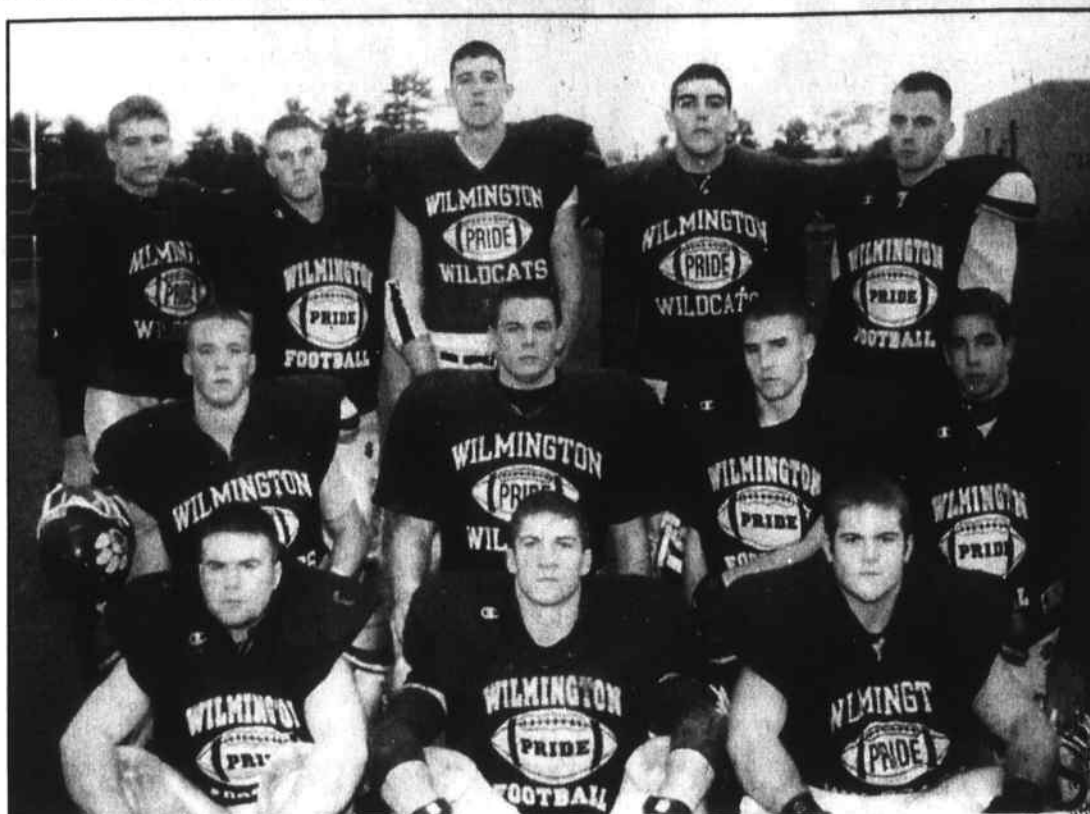
The future was built this year as well. Sophomore Quarterback Joe Herra has displayed his intangibles as a great leader, while the likes of Stephen Downs and Robbie Gillis will power the ground attack next year. Sean Murphy and Brennan Jones will be Herra's favorite targets next year, and Brian Giambenedino will be an important defensive back and special team's player.

The Redmen of Tewksbury, however, have not had the luxury of a winning season, or the agony of having a playoff berth lie on the one-yard line. But rest assured, they look forward to this game like Army-Navy. If they can put up a "W" against the wicked Wildcats, it's a winning season in their minds. Tewksbury has had the upper hand in recent history winning the last two games and 15 of the past 18 games. But this year, the 'Cats think the outcome will be different.

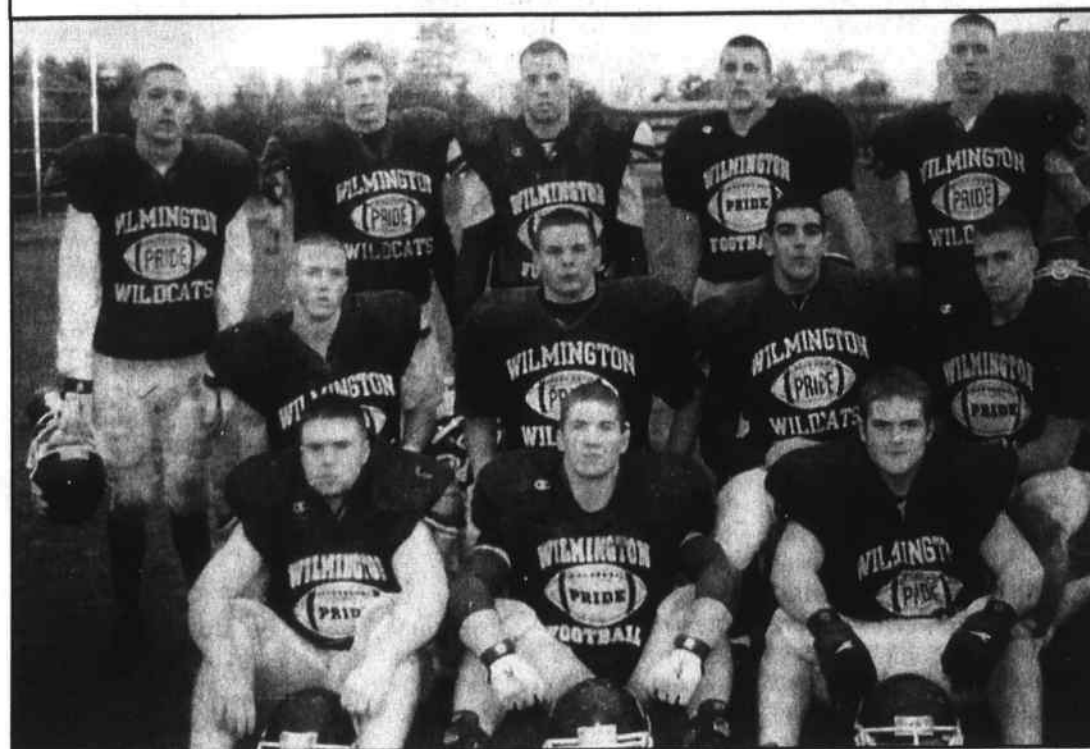
So, this Thanksgiving, before plopping your bloated body on the couch and watching some football, why not go to Tewksbury's Doucette Field and watch a classic cross-town rivalry? You're

guaranteed to be electrified by the passion that is displayed by these two towns. This is more than a football game; its the Thanksgiving Classic.

The emotions will run high in this game. The Seniors will play their last games and want to cap their careers off with a victory, toughness will prevail, whoever comes to play will come out on top.



Due to the lack of space in the football section, pictures of the starting line-ups for the WHS football team for Thursday's Thanksgiving game, offense (above) and defense (below) are shown here in the regular sports section. (photos by Maureen Lamoureux)



All-Time WHS Football Captains

Year	Player(s)
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1938	Tommy Leonard
1939	Bob Foye
1940	Art Drew
1941	Dick Carpenter
1943	Leo O'Connell
1944	Game Captains
1945	Gus Blaisdell
1946	Burt Holmes
1947	Russell Garland
1948	Bill Chisholm and Paul Carpenter
1949	Leo Woods
1950	Gerry O'Reilly and Don O'Connell
1951	Jay Tighe and Jere Melzar
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1953	Bob Smith
1954	Frank DePiano
1955	Jay Palmer and Bob Branscombe
1956	Bill Rosa and Sam Cavallaro
1957	John Amaro and Bill Johnston
1958	Joe Casey, Bill Rooney and George Munroe
1959	Eddie Palino
1960	Eddie Casey
1961	Eddie Woods
1962	Jackie Bowen
1963	Jon Fairfield
1964	Jim Newhouse and Dick Page
1965	Peter Keane and Dick Page
1966	Rick Ely and Dick Doucette
1967	Jack Gillis, Dan O'Connell and Hank Devlin
1968	Eddie Gillis
1969	Kenny Cleary and Bruce MacInnis
1970	Dick Gillis and Mike Esposito
1971	Mike Rounds and Steve Holloway
1972	Paul Olsen, Alan Jensen and Leo Campbell
1973	Dean Devlin, Jack Holloway and Don Stewart
1974	Jack Stygles, Carl Butler and Bob Bavota
1975	Bob Aprile, Chris Rounds and Mike Mazzola
1976	John Campbell, Gordie Fitch and Dino Esposito
1977	Steven Woods and David Rounds
1978	Tom Carroll, Phil Russo, Sal Carbone and John Maga
1979	David Woods, Chris Briggs and John Robarge
1980	Donnie Foley, Matt Phillips and Joe Burbine
1981	Rob Santos, Craig Richards and Ken Runge
1982	Eddie Olshaw and Jon Nolan
1983	Dean Athanasia, Paul Caizzi and Gerry Sullivan
1984	Dave Richards, Ken DeYoung and Dante DeMarco
1985	Ed Shelley, Tony Cutone, Dave MacDonald and Peter Campbell
1986	Tom Pote and Al Ausiello
1987	Patrick Nally, Dan Woods and C.J. Barber
1988	John Rago, Derek LeBlanc and Tony DeLucia
1989	Greg Catanzano, Frank Cenca and Steve Killilea
1990	Dennis Walsh, Brian Murray, Bob Voner and Bill Kerrigan
1991	Mike King, Bob Fleming and Bryant Falzone
1992	John O'Reilly and John Burke
1993	Dave Fleming and Eric Robbins
1994	Steve O'Neil and Jack Warford
1995	Tom Burke and Pat Finn
1996	Billy Harrison, Matt Haskamp and Sean Kerrigan
1997	Tim Gillis and Jamie Campbell
1998	Mike Gennetti, Kevin Finnerty and Dave DeAmato
1999	Russ Hubby, Eric Banda and Matt Minghella
2000	Mark Jepson, Jim Fennelly and Josh Hiltz
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



**PLANNING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT
USE SPECIAL PERMIT**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 15, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on an application filed by Aralampos Sidiropoulos, Trustee of Trickett Realty Trust, for a Site Plan Special Permit and a Special Permit to construct and operate an automated car wash on the site locus, together with such associated driveway access and utilities as are necessary. Said property is located on 65 Main Street Assessor's Map 22, Lot 18, zoned Commercial.

The application may be examined in the Department of Community Development Office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA., during 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.
11.26.03; Steven J. Sadwick,
12.03.03; 3671 Director

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**PUBLIC HEARING
DETERMINATION OF
APPLICABILITY**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on December 3, 2003, at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Diane M. Sausa for a Determination of Applicability.

Said Property is located on 138 McLaren Road. Assessor's Map(s) 82 Lot(s) 240. To construct a 7 foot porch on the front of the existing dwelling.

The application may be examined in the Planning and Conservation Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

11.26.03 Stanley Folta
3661 Chairman

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



**BOARD OF HEALTH
LEGAL NOTICE**

At its meeting of November 13, 2003, the Tewksbury Board of Health voted unanimously to set its 2004 Fee Schedule under the authority of M.G.L.c.111, sec. 31. Full text copies are available at the Board office.

11.26.03 Stephanie Wilkie
3668 Chairman

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



**LEGAL NOTICE
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT FUND
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Wilmington Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on December 8, 2003 at 7:45 PM in room 9 of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive comments on the Town's proposed FY04 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. The Town is proposing to apply for funds through the Community

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on December 1, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 103-2003
William & Deborah McGondel seeking a determination under §6.1.2.1 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw that a proposed alteration to a nonconforming structure does not increase any portion of the nonconforming nature of the existing structure (existing lot has insufficient area, width, depth, front and side yard setbacks-proposing a second floor addition) for property located on 20 Burt Road. Map 30 Parcel 42.

Case 104-2003
Edmund & Gloria Corcoran seeking a determination under §6.1.2.1 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw that a proposed alteration to a nonconforming structure does not increase any portion of the nonconforming nature of the existing structure (existing lot has insufficient area, depth, and front yard setback-proposing an addition meeting the setback requirements) for property located on 615 Woburn Street. Map 58 Parcel 10.

11.12.03-11.19.03 Wilmington
3648 Board of Appeals

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, December 3, 2003, after 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Request for a Determination of Applicability, filed by Robert S. Braid, 28 Apache Way, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner and applicant. The applicant is proposing to construct a 20'x30' addition on the existing structure within the 100 foot buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands, as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is shown on Assessor's Map 19 Parcel 112, 28 Apache Way, Wilmington, MA. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

11.26.03 James Morris, Chair
3676 Conservation Commission

Development Fund for housing rehabilitation. The program is administered by the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development, which awards grants to communities throughout the Commonwealth for various activities. The Town of Wilmington will implement the proposed project through its Community Development Program Office.

This is also a public hearing to update the public on the status of the Town's current FY03 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program and to hear citizen's comments on the effectiveness of the program and ways to improve it.

Any individual or organization wishing to speak will be offered an opportunity to be heard. Written comments may be submitted to the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA. 01887 prior to the hearing.

11.26.03 Michael V. McCoy,
12.3.03 Chair
3670 Board of Selectmen

LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY
COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX, SS DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 03P4867FE**

To all persons interested in the estate of Edna Frances Blaisdell late of Falmouth in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court, with certain papers purporting to be copies of the last will of said deceased, and of the Probate thereof in said State of Maine duly authenticated, by Bruce A. Barmly of Florida, praying that the copy of said will may be filed and recorded in the register of Probate in said county of Middlesex, and that he be appointed executor thereunder.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-sixth day of January 2004, the return day of this citation.

WITNESS BEVERLY
WEINGER BOORSTEIN
Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, the tenth day of November 2003.

11.26.03 John R. Buonomo
3665 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



**CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, December 3, 2003, after 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Request for a Determination of Applicability, filed by Robert S. Braid, 28 Apache Way, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner and applicant. The applicant is proposing to construct a 20'x30' addition on the existing structure within the 100 foot buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands, as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is shown on Assessor's Map 19 Parcel 112, 28 Apache Way, Wilmington, MA. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

11.26.03 James Morris, Chair
3675 Conservation Commission

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on December 15, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 105-2003 JohnSons Rlty Trust c/o R. Peterson

To acquire a variance from Standard Dimensional Regulations to subdivide a parcel of land and allow the existing building to remain 2.3 feet from the side yard lot one when 20 feet is required for property located on 316-322 Lowell Street. Map 73 Parcel 52, 53, 53B.

11.26.03, 12.3.03
3669 Board of Appeals

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



**PLANNING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 15, 2003 at 7:15 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA. 01876 on an application filed by Domenic Germano for determination of a substantial change according to Mass General Law, Chapter 40A, Section 16. Said property is located on East and Shawshen Streets, Assessor's Map 113, Lot 6, zoned Heavy Industrial. The application may be examined in the Department of Community Development Office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA., during 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

11.26.03; Steven J. Sadwick,
12.3.03; 3672 Director

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



**CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA. 01887, on Wednesday, December 3, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a notice of Intent, filed by Clarence Spinazola, 5 Manning Street, Woburn, MA., 01801, owner and applicant. The applicant is proposing to excavate and remove arsenic and petroleum hydrocarbon contamination soil. This work is within the 100 foot buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located on Assessor's Map 25 Parcel 2, Lot 2, 923 Main Street, Wilmington, MA. 01887. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

11.26.03 James Morris, Chair
3673 Conservation Commission

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



**PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 11, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at 8:15 p.m. in Room 9, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on the application of Triton Construction Management, Inc., 5 Middlesex Avenue, Suite 15-A, Wilmington, MA, 01887 concerning a Multi-Family Special Permit and Site Plan Review Application entitled: "Site Plan, 10 Middlesex Avenue,

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED
PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING BOARD**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 11, the planning Board will hold a public hearing on December 16, 2003 at 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA. on Special Permit #03-1 dated October 24, 2002, submitted on November 13, 2003 by Jason P. Guisto for Mary Guisto. Said property is located at 33 Houghton Road, and shown as Assessor's Map 20 Parcel 14. This application is for special permit for a non-conforming lot under chapter 139 of the Acts of 1998 for the construction of a single family dwelling. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.
11.26.03; Michael Sorrentino,
12.03.03; 3677 Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CONSERVATION

**COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA. 01887, on Wednesday, December 3, 2003, after 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Request for a Determination of Applicability, filed by Vincent Licciardi, 350 Woburn Street, Wilmington, MA. 01887, owner and applicant. The applicant is proposing to pave a portion of the existing gravel driveway within the 100 foot buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands, as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is shown on Assessor's Map 86 Parcel 16C, 348 Woburn Street, Wilmington, MA. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

11.26.03 James Morris, Chair
3679 Conservation Commission

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, December 3, 2003, after 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Request for a Determination of Applicability, filed by Ken Mansir, 112 Grove Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner and applicant. The applicant is proposing to construct a 24'x24' garage within the 100 foot buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands, as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is shown on Assessor's Map 34 Parcel 21, 112 Grove Avenue, Wilmington, MA. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning and Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

11.26.03 James Morris, Chair
3674 Conservation Commission

LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 03P4825EP1**

In the Estate of Dora P. Tusa
AKA Dora Tusa

Late of Wilmington

In the County of Middlesex

Date of Death August 30, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that Frank Tusa of Malden in the County of Middlesex be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on December 18, 2003.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other times as the court, on the motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

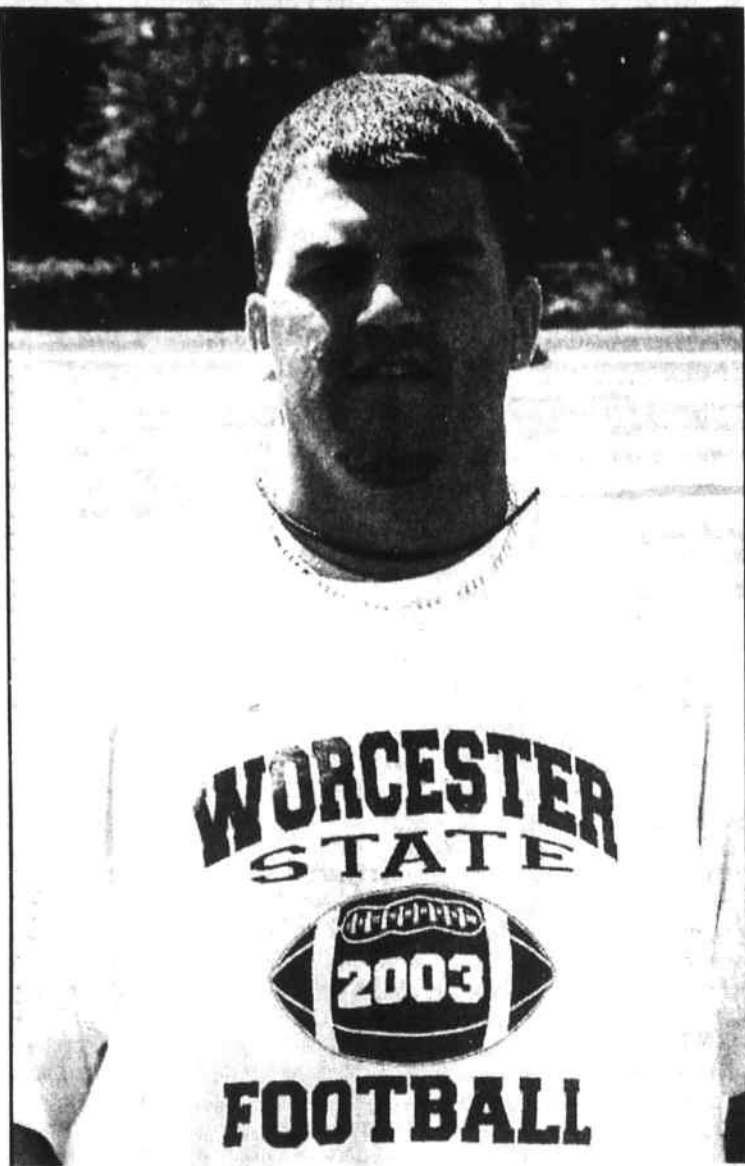
WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, November 13, 2003

11.26.03 John R. Buonomo
3667 Register of Probate



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Wilmington resident Mike Gennetti has gone from captain of the WHS team, to captain of Worcester State College to assistant coach at WSC. (courtesy photo).

Mike Gennetti has gone from Captain to assistant coach

By **LYNNE GEARTY**
Sports Correspondent

As a senior last season, Wilmington resident Mike Gennetti was captain of the Worcester State football team under Coach Brien Cullen. This year, Gennetti joined the Worcester football coaching staff as an assistant coach for the Lancers.

As a player Gennetti ranked sixth in the nation for interceptions in 2000. He picked off 8 passes in 9 games and was a member of the 2000 All NEFC team. Gennetti was also named an all-Worcester Area First Team Member and held a starting position all 4 years he played for the Lancers.

When he took the job offer in the spring of 2003, Gennetti was concerned with the difficulties coaching former teammates posed.

"Last year when I was a senior a lot of the guys I played with were freshmen and sophomores so I wasn't as close with them as I was with the seniors," said Gennetti. "I wasn't overly worried. In a way it helped me because I know them well now and what they're capable of. They're not beginners anymore and they understand that

I'm their coach and not a teammate."

The former player turned coach has made a very smooth transition and didn't encounter any major problems during his first season. Gennetti's players have given him a lot, including their full attention and respect for the new coach. He feels that his first year worked out really well and is certain that he's gained his players' trust as a coach. One reason Gennetti believes his adjustment was possible is because he emphasized his role as a coach right from the beginning.

Cullen, also an alumnus of Worcester State, agrees that Gennetti's move from player to coach wasn't a problem for him and remembers when he first saw his former player in a different light.

"I really think he made the transition from player to coach when he came and helped out during spring break," said Cullen. "The players really began to respect him as a coach then. I think he reached the next step without problems that may have arose in other situations. He was able to separate his relationships with friends on the team both on and

off the field."

Gennetti thought that it might be a bit strange to join forces with his former coaches to train players he once shared the field with. He considered this first season as a great starting point for his coaching career and an experience that allowed him to develop relationships with individuals he previously new on different levels.

"It was actually pretty easy to connect with my former coaches as a new member of the football staff," says Gennetti. "[Coach Cullen] just really let me coach my guys and let me train the players the way I thought best for the team. He never overstepped me and had total faith in my ability as a coach. He let me do what I thought was necessary and I really am grateful for that. It helped me understand what I was capable of."

Coaching and playing are two entirely separate ingredients in a sport and Gennetti realized that when he decided to become an assistant coach at Worcester.

"I think that they're completely different from one another. I've learned so much as an assistant coach; it's a lot differ-

ent than physically playing. It takes up a great deal of time but I love it. I've learned so much in such a short amount of time from the staff. Looking back, I had no idea the of time commitment the coaches put in. I would say that the coaches put in more time than the players. The real surprise was finding out how much I had to learn because I thought I knew everything about the sport," Gennetti says.

Although Gennetti enjoys both playing and coaching he prefers one to the other.

"Between the two I like playing much better, but coaching is the next best thing to playing," Gennetti said. "Playing is the most fun but it's also great to see your guys out there doing what you've taught them to do and when they do it right when it counts is even better."

The Lancers finished their regular season at 8-2 this year under the guidance of Gennetti, who plans on coaching football for the rest of his career.

"I really enjoyed this past season. Coaching is something I want to do for the rest of my life," said Gennetti.

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Mite A's capture back to back exciting victories

What a great weekend of hockey for the courageous Wilmington Wildcat Mite A's, as they won back to back games this past Saturday.

With the Dual State League divisions being set, Wilmington matched up against Groton at Lawrence Academy for game one of the Saturday double-header. Despite both teams being short several players, there was exciting end to end action with the 'Cats winning 7-1. Only the exceptional physical conditioning, due to coach McDonough's endless stops and starts at practice allowed the boys the stamina to outplay the Groton squad for three periods.

Drew Foley took his rotation in nets and kept the opponents to just one goal behind his outstanding play. The "Big D" of Zach Blanch, Danny Luise, and Jimmy Davey saw plenty of quality ice time, and limited Groton to only a handful of shots the entire game.

Offensively, Jay Rossetti netted the first of the game with great teamwork from Kevin Meuse and Dylan Dinatale.

Linemates Brian Healy, Brendan McDonough, and Brian Pickett clicked for four of the Wildcat scores with awesome fore-checking, passing, and skating. With the game easily out of reach, Coach Pickett gave the defense a shot at forward. Both Dylan D and Jimmy Davey added the last two goals, as Groton had seen enough. Hurry, pack up the kids and get to Burlington for game two!

Let us set the scene. Valley League action at the new and improved Burlington Ice Palace (they fixed the Zamboni since last time we were there). Wilmington Wildcats to face off against the powerful Reading Rockets. The same Reading Rockets that had beaten us four times in the last month. Standing room only crowd, well okay... a lot of people. The game...

Reading came out flying as usual, and surprisingly, the 'Cats still had some legs after all of the ice time they had just seen. The courage displayed by this Wilmington team was

amazing. They aggressively chased every puck, fought in every corner, and won most every battle. On the occasional defensive letdown, Drew Foley came up nothing short of spectacular. He blocked, caught, and smothered every puck that came his way. With a newfound confidence, Wilmington turned up the heat. McDonough, Pickett, and Healy put it together and scored the first goal of the game. Minutes later, the talented Rockets put one past the impenetrable Foley, as a high flying shot broke off his glove and trickled over the line, ending the first period tied at one.

In the second period, Drew and the defensive cores of Blanch, Davey, Luise, and Meuse kept the speedy Rockets at bay in their defensive zone, while endlessly helping the forwards to keep the pressure on in the offensive zone. Zach Malatesta got the second period going with an awesome end to end through several defenders, and a shot that just missed the corner. The team was also glad to see the fresh legs of Tommy

Townsend and the Diorio brothers Matt and Mike back on the ice. With all out speed, pressure and determination, McDonough beat the Reading net minder twice and Pickett added another, putting the home team up 4-1 after two.

Despite several suspect penalty calls against Wilmington in the third, Jay Rossetti put his game in high gear and put on a back-checking clinic, tying up the speedy Reading skaters, and giving the defense a much needed hand. Add a half dozen great defensive plays by the blue liners, and a half dozen tremendous stops by Drew Goalie, um...I mean Foley, and there you have it. Wilmington 4 and Reading 1.

Great teamwork, coaching, and fan support is propelling these young boys to achievements they may have not thought were not possible. Keep up the hard work. Best wishes to Ken Meuse on a speedy recovery from knee surgery.

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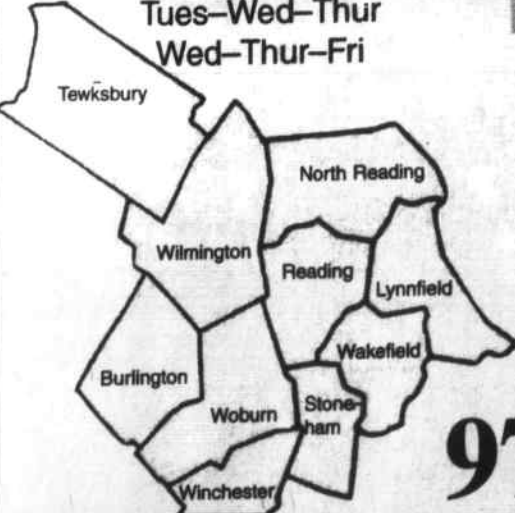
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Wilmington High senior Rachele See participated in the Eastern Mass girls soccer team on Sunday played in Canton. (file photo).

Rachele See participates with the state's best

Wilmington High senior Rachele See was named to the Eastern Mass girls' soccer all-star team. On Sunday, the senior only teams were divided into two teams, regardless of what division they came from (1, 2 or 3) and played a full game held at Canton High School.

See, who was a tri-captain for the Cape Ann League champion Wildcat team, as well as being the league's Most Valuable Player, played defense during the contest on Sunday morning.

The teams were divided into two 30-player squads, the North and the South. The South won the game, 2-0, over See and her North teammates.

"Playing time was limited," said WHS coach Sue Hendee. "Rachele did fine, but again, not many got more than about a 15 minute stint per half. But she did have the biggest and loudest fan club there (with Ashley Steenbruggen, Jen Earls, Kim Strazzere, Emily Dorrance and myself)."

— JAMIE POTE —

Squirt A's lock up against Winchester

The Wilmington Squirt A Wildcats played this past Saturday @ Hockey Town in Dual State action against the Winchester Squirt A team. The same two teams squared off the weekend before with Winchester prevailing 2-1 so the rematch would prove to be very interesting.

The Wilmington's forwards which consisted of Justin Ferreira, David Sugrue, Adam Martiniello, Brian Callahan, Danny Creedon, John Hughson, Adam Siegel Cam Collins and Jimmy O'Neill had their best opportunities to score in the first couple shifts of the game but could not bury the biscuit. Winchester had numerous odd man scoring opportunities but could not beat Wilmington goalie Tyler Stillings and the first period ended scoreless.

However, Winchester finally lit the lamp mid way through the second period off a goal mouth scramble to go ahead 1-0. Later Winchester scored again on a breakaway late in the second period to give Winchester a commanding 2-0 lead after two periods.

Winchester kept skating hard and if not for some nice saves by Wilmington goalie Joey Aucoin the game would have been ugly.

The goal starved Cat's had a couple of opportunities but could not convert and Winchester scored late in the third period to seal the deal.

The Wilmington defense of Brian Hurley, Meghan Souza, Domenic Dirupo, Ian Haggerty and Jimmy Mullen were committed to keeping the game

close and they did.

The Cat's then faced the North Andover Squirt A team at the new Conway Arena in Nashua on Sunday morning.

Wilmington sent out the same lineup from the previous morning but the boys were hoping for different results.

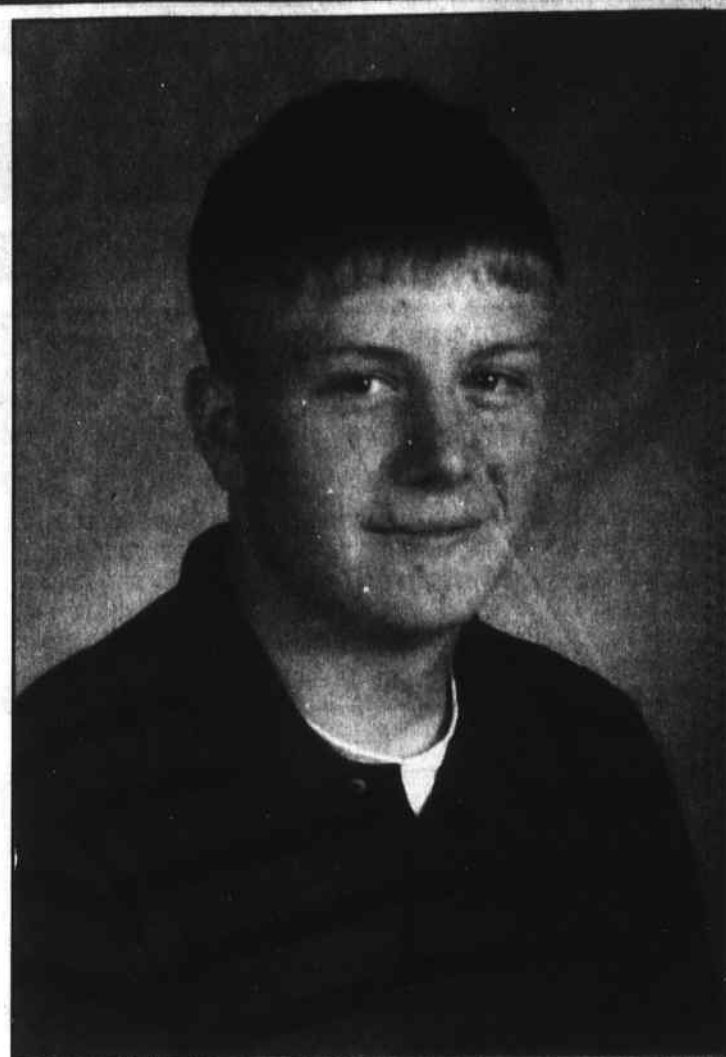
The first period was action packed but neither team was able to find the back of the net.

North Andover scored three goals in the second period as Conner Helfrich from North Reading scored once and hit the post twice.

Although the Cat's were down early they battled back in the third period and showed a lot of character when Justin Ferreira scored on a beautiful shot to the top of the net from the face-off circle. Justin's goal was set up with a terrific pass from Cam Collins who registered the only assist on the goal.

The Cat's now had some momentum and Wilmington's David Sugrue made a fantastic pass to a wide open Adam Martiniello who scored easily pulling the Cat's to within one goal. The second assist on Adam's goal went to Brian Hurley who fed David Sugrue the outlet pass. Unfortunately North Andover answered the bell when they scored off a scrum in front of the Wilmington goal restoring a two goal lead. The Cat's tried to claw their way back again but time was running out as North Andover held on to win 4-2.

The players and parents would like to thank Power Shot the new Squirt A team sponsor!



Shawsheen Tech junior Kyle Patrie of Wilmington was recently honored at the boys' soccer team's banquet. Patrie was the leading scorer for the team, finishing with 12 goals and 5 assists, and was named the team's Most Valuable Player, as well as a league all-star in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference. Teammates Dan Reed and Jeremy Sawicki were also named to the all-star team. (courtesy photo).

Pee Wee B team shows off tremendous defense

Anytime a goalie holds opponents to one goal a game, he gives his team an excellent chance to win the game. Anytime a defense is able to kill 17 penalties, it's done its job well. Anytime an offense can rip off 25 quality shots in game, you can bet your bottom dollar that the team should skate off a winner.

These aren't just a string of hockey truisms, but rather a pretty apt summary of what Wilmington Pee Wee B hockey team accomplished last weekend.

For sure, the B's came up large in their two games against Lexington-Bedford and Pentucket last Friday and Saturday, especially considering their not-too-distant past was riddled with a six pack of disappointing losses that could have dampened many a teams spirits.

Putting some names to the rolls, it was a Wildcat Pat Young minding the pipes who gobbled up tons of shots, including 16 against Pentucket, to hold both opponents to a single goal each. On defense, it was Jared Hayes, Kevin Barry, Justin Rivera, and Kyle Gaffey who were instrumental in

killing eight infractions against Lexington-Bedford and nine against Pentucket. On offense, it was Sean Sullivan, Brendan O'Brien, and John Moriarty, David Mello, Pat Boudreau, Brian Coutu, Cole Carter and Sean Taveres who provided the firepower, and put up the 25 shots against Pentucket on Saturday.

In Friday evening's 2-1 win against Lexington-Bedford, Wilmington struck early with a Sean Taveres goal a couple of minutes into the game. Taveres made his fine shot after taking a pass from Brian Coutu.

Wilmington didn't tally again until late in the third, leaving it to Young, Hayes and company to spin their defensive magic to kill the eight intervening penalties before Sean Sullivan could tally for Wilmington again. It was at 8:35 of the third period that Sullivan got his chance during a scrum in front of the Lexington-Bedford net. Sullivan crammed it with the help of Pat Boudreau and Brendan O'Brien. Lexington-Bedford's lone goal came with just 42 seconds left.

Saturday's 3-1 victory over Pentucket was the third game the two teams have played this year. In earlier meetings, the B's tied and shutout Pentucket, setting the stage for the contentious meeting Saturday that was marred by 15 penalties, ten of which were in the third period.

The Cats again scored first when Sean Taveres and David Mello showed their passing skills by working the puck to center Brian Coutu to the left of the net, where he backhanded it in the for a 1-0 lead. Pentucket came back with its own score later in the first though to tie it.

Brendan O'Brien then nailed a huge 5-on-3 power play goal in the middle of the second shortly after the faceoff to re-take the lead for the Wildcats 2-1. Defensemen Barry, Rivera, Gaffey, and Hayes did their duty again holding off Pentucket during five power plays in the third period to buy time for the Wildcat offense. Then, with just a minute twelve to go, Cole Carter corralled the puck off of the boards, skated it up and roofed the B's third important goal. A Pentucket power play during the last 31 seconds of the game was once again snuffed, allowing the B's to take the 3-1 win.

For the B's, the dual wins put them on a three game winning streak, and for Pat Young his third consecutive win while allowing only two goals.

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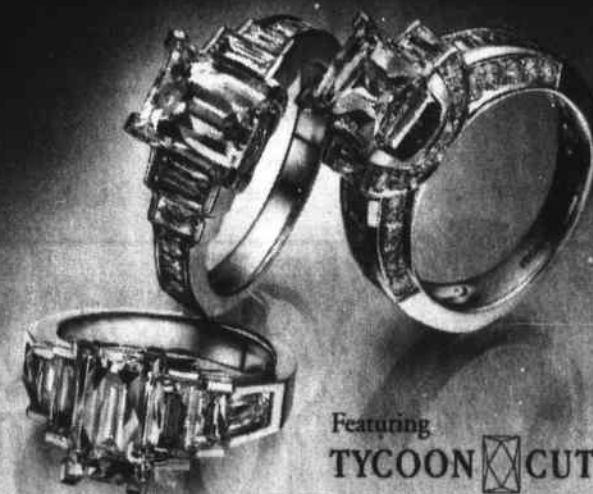
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Movie Reviews

"The Cat in the Hat"

by Paul Feely

MOVIE: "THE CAT IN THE HAT"
GRADE: **

Star Mike Myers, normally very funny in more adult roles, falls a bit flat in this portrayal of the classic hero of the famous Dr. Seuss book of the same name.

Myers tries very hard, but his physical comedic abilities are lost under a ton of make-up and a cat suit. There are a few risqué remarks thrown in to this children's movie, presumably for the parents to laugh at, but they really have no place in what should be a holiday classic for kids, but instead turns out to be nothing more than lethargic, unimaginative interpretation

of the classic story.

Despite the high-priced visuals and special effects, the story is better told on pages meant for little hands than it is on the big screen.

SHORTTAKES
MOVIE: "ELF"
GRADE: ***

Star Will Ferrell, known for his sometimes adult humor in other movies, turns in a performance suitable for viewers of almost all ages in this holiday tale.

Ferrell plays a human who is raised by elves at the North Pole, who then sets out into the real world to meet up with his actual family.

Ferrell is very good at

physical comedy, and this classic 'fish out of water' storyline demands plenty of him. He is more than up to the task, and the result is a film that all can enjoy.

Director Jon Favreau, known for his roles in films like 'Swingers' and 'Made Men', is at the helm of this one as director, and discovering that he has a flair for family films is a refreshing

MOVIE: "THE MATRIX:REVOLUTIONS"
GRADE: ***

Like the ad slogan for the film says, "All things that have a beginning must have an end", and the Wachowski brothers have created a finale to their wildly popular series that would rival the end of any fireworks display.

Keanu Reeves returns as hero Neo, and Carrie Anne Moss reprises her role as Trinity, as they return to save the city of Zion, the last refuge of mankind against the machines running the world.

The religious overtones that have been present just below the surface throughout the series come to a head in this installment, and the special effects are once again state-of-the-art.

Fans of the first two movies will be very pleased with how the storyline wraps up, though someone unfamiliar with the background

might wonder what the heck is going on while watching this one.

MOVIE: "MYSTIC RIVER"
GRADE: ***

Director Clint Eastwood has created a masterpiece in this thrilling crime drama, set against the idea that even the smallest of choices can eventually change our lives for better or worse.

The film, set in Boston, stars Sean Penn, Kevin Bacon, and Tim Robbins as three childhood friends who have taken very different paths in life (after one of them was abducted and abused as a boy), but are brought together by the death of one of their daughters, though not in the way you might (i.e. gathering at the wake). One is a cop, and investigating the murder of the teenage girl.

Boston looks great in the film, breathing life into the backdrop of every scene. The script is great, and fans of the very well-written book by Denis Lehane that this is based on will be happy to hear that it is almost as good as the book itself.

MOVIE: "SCARY MOVIE 3"
GRADE: **

This series has enough legs to stand on its own now, and enough name recognition to get young viewers to hand over their money for tickets, whether the reviews are good or bad.

The first 'Scary Movie' was written and directed by



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There are seven differences in the second picture. Can you spot them?

various members of the Wayans family, and was a witty, sometimes dead-on spoof of horror movies, and the way that black characters are often portrayed in those films. The film was outrageously funny at times, and filled with enough gross-out humor to warrant an 'R' rating.

'Scary Movie 2' was less original but just as funny at times, with the Wayans family back at the helm.

This time, the Wayans are nowhere to be found, and the series has been handed over to the creative team behind the 'Airplane!' and 'Naked

Gun' movies, and the result is a watered-down, PG-13 version of the previous two films. The plot takes on not just recent horror movie hits, but movies like the Matrix and television shows like 'The West Wing' as well.

Charlie Sheen stars, and upon initial viewing one would assume that he was about to end this series like he did the television show 'Spin City' when he took over for Michael J. Fox, but based on the weekend box office numbers (\$60 million and the No. 1 spot), we'll likely see a

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Members have been working all summer on handcrafted items that would be wonderful gifts for everyone's holiday list. Some examples of items that will be available are quilt hangings, a little girl doll with a handmade wardrobe, gift baskets of all kinds and gifts from local businesses.

As the auctioneer, Davina Shuman, prepares to

start the festivities, participants may browse through the items offered for bid. Light refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

All are welcome to attend this evening of fellowship and fun on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. The auction will take place at the Reading Senior Center, Pleasant Street (the old fire station just off Reading square).

All proceeds realized from this event will provide scholarships to high school seniors from Reading. These scholarships are offered through the Reading Scholarship Foundation.

"Laugh and get Rick" on December 6

"Laugh and Get 'Rick'" The international message is 'Laugh and Get Rich' and the local medium is Rick Segel, Burlington native and bright light on the motivational speaker circuit.

Havurah Haverim invites you to laugh and get Rick quick, in person on December 6, while he's still in town. Author of the 'Retail Business Kit for Dummies' and 'Laugh and Get Rich,' Segel will preview his one-man show among the folks who sent him on his way ... and tend to welcome him back anyway, no matter what.

'Have I Got a Story to Tell You' - an evening of laughing, lamenting, and laughing anew - will premier at the Burlington

Swim & Tennis Club on - see how far he's come - Country Club Lane.

The evening of coffee, cake, Coke, and variations thereof comes to you courtesy of Havurah Haverim, a Jewish community of friends' serving several local towns including Billerica, Burlington, Lexington, Lynnfield, Melrose, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn.

Tickets, including all this fun plus a cash bar, are available for \$8 on or before December 2 and \$10 at the door. For more information on a Saturday night out that begins at 7:45, contact Barbara Adler at 781-272-5279 or bbadler@galactic-trading.com.

About the Towns by Phyllis Nissen

POINTS WELL TAKEN...THANKS

Write to the point in Wilmington

"First you have to boil some cut chicken in a pot," notes the "Wilmington Town Crier."

"Then, after you skim the residue off the top of the water, you can throw celery, onions, a tomato, parsley and salt into the mix. Bring it all to a boil, then simmer slowly."

"Sounds good so far, right? There's more, a lot more, to preparing the Italian dish, called Sciuscedu, but you're well on your way. For the rest of the recipe, you have to get your hands on a copy of 'From My Bakery Perch,' a new book written by Wilmington resident Vita Orlando Sinopoli.

"Before you get to the recipe on page 286, though, you might want to feast your mind. The first half of 'From My Bakery Perch' is a detailed and loving memoir of a youth spent by Sinopoli in the North End of Boston.

"As a child, I spent many hours sitting on my favorite spot in the bakery on Charter Street in the North End," Sinopoli says. "There was a half wall separating the baking area from the retail store. Up against the wooden wall was an icebox which contained the one-pound cakes of yeast needed for the bread and quarts of milk that my Mom sold. With a little pillow and a milk box to help me climb onto the wooden icebox, I watched the world around me."

"For Sinopoli, it was a world in which families lived in tall, wooden buildings, Italian and English were spoken in equal measure and the smell of her mother's mouth-watering recipes wafted through the streets."

"I enjoyed watching my mother as she cooked," she says. "I was pleased when she asked me to help her. As years passed, I thought often about recording these recipes."

"Sinopoli most fondly remembers preparing holiday desserts and festive meals, many of which she would serve at home or bring

to relatives. Over the years, as she looked back on those times, she yearned to write about such experiences, but she never did.

"Until now...."

On point in Burlington

"At its recent meeting, the Board of Selectmen deferred its review of Town Administrator Robert Mercier, but there was an extremely positive evaluation of new Town Accountant Gail LaPointe," notes the Burlington edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"LaPointe, who began her duties on Feb. 3, had her job performance reviewed by Mercier and Selectmen Chairman Albert Fay.

"I think she's performing admirably," commented Mercier.

"He said LaPointe faced a difficult task, replacing longtime accountant Patrick Mullin.

"I'm very pleased with her performance to date," stated Mercier.

"Fay expressed similar sentiments.

"She blended right in," said Fay, adding that he believes LaPointe is doing "a great, great job...."

Move on, Pilgrim: Woburn

"It's time to move on," smiled Woburn developer Sean Coakley as state and local officials converged on his Pilgrim Building in downtown Woburn for the official dedication of the three-story, red-brick building," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

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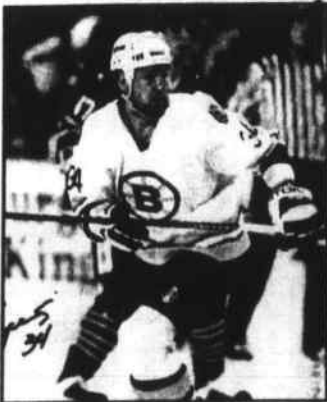
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Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

SPORTS SHORTS

•MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA
What Cardinal scored from first on a single in Game Seven of the 1946 World Series against the Boston Red Sox? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•WOBURN'S TONY JOHNSON, a senior member of the Merrimack College men's ice hockey team, had an assist on a power play goal in a 3-2 overtime win over Bemidji State.

•Three players from Winchester ended up on the Massachusetts Girls Soccer Coaches Association Division 1 first team this fall - **JACKIE GRAHAM, KATIE BROOKS, AND KATIE CONNOLLY**.

•Also appearing on the same list, but on the second

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team, was **WILMINGTON'S RACHELLE SEE**.

•BURLINGTON'S KARA HAAS will defend her five-mile women's champion title this Thursday in the Feaster Five Road Race in Andover. A record 8,000 runners, walkers and wheelchair athletes are expected to participate in the event.

•WINCHESTER'S BRIAN MORRISSEY is a junior on the Governor Dummer Academy football team this year. Morrissey had 14 touchdowns as a running back.

•AUSTIN PREP'S DANIELLE ORLANDELLA was named to the Massachusetts Girls Soccer Coaches Association Division 3 team.

•WINCHESTER'S STEPHEN LATTANZI has had a very busy season as a member of the Choate Rosemary Hall (located in Wallingford, Conn.) where he has contributed to the team as a tight end, slotback, defensive end, and special teams.

•READING NATIVE STEVE LANE, a member of the RMHS Athletic Hall of Fame, recently finished sixth in the New Hampshire Mid-Amateur Championship after shooting rounds of 74, 78, and 76 for a 54-hole total of 228. He was just six shots off the lead at tourney's end.

•STONEHAM'S BRYAN LAST, a junior, is a member of the Stonehill College men's ice hockey team this winter.

•Need some help on this week's trivia question? The player's initials are **E.S.**

•WINCHESTER'S MICHELLE ROBBAT recorded a key win at number two singles this fall to help get new Bentley College coach Alex Wong his first win

as women's tennis coach at the school.

•THE COLONIAL ADULT MASTERS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAM is recruiting new members for the 2003-2004 season. Prior experience on such a team is not needed, but eligible skaters must be age 25 by the preceding July 1. For more information call Team Manager Cheryl Milloy at 781-275-4476.

•LYNNFIELD'S TORI SPENCE, a senior at Johnson and Wales University (JWU) and captain of the women's tennis team the last two years, was named the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Women's Player of the Year. Spence has been a dominant force throughout the GNAC this year as she tallied a JWU record of 31 wins playing first singles and first doubles. She also set the career record at JWU tallying 99 wins in her four years at first singles and first doubles. Upon graduation in May, Spence will attend graduate school to pursue an MBA.

•BURLINGTON'S DAVID CACCIOLA, a junior goaltender for Providence College, made 26 saves as the Friars and the Merrimack College Warriors skated to a 0-0 overtime tie in Hockey East action at the J. Thomas Lawler Arena. Cacciola made 15 saves in the final 25 minutes to preserve the shutout for Providence.

•ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: The player is Enos Slaughter.

•DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.

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Calendar of Events

LA LECHE MEETING DECEMBER 12

The gradual transition from breastfeeding to the family dinner table can be accomplished smoothly while instilling healthy attitudes about food. Practical information about weaning and family nutrition will be shared as La Leche League of Wilmington meets to discuss "Nutrition and Weaning" on Friday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. at the Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center, 500 Salem St (Rte 62), Wilmington. Women from surrounding towns are welcome.

This meeting is the fourth in the current series of four monthly meetings open to nursing mothers and their babies, as well as pregnant and other interested women. The discussion is informal, with opportunity to ask questions and share experiences.

The group maintains a lending library of books on breastfeeding, childbirth and child-care. La Leche League leaders may be called at any time for help, encouragement and practical suggestions regarding breastfeeding, or to obtain the manual, *The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding*.

For directions, further information or support call Karen at 978-657-8301 or Terry at 978-694-1073.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL AT MASSBANK

Reading residents who are looking to increase their "interest" in the holiday season may want to visit the Massbank at 123 Haven St. in downtown Reading on Friday, Dec. 12.

Massbank will be holding a Holiday Festival from 10:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lobby. The event will feature a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus from 10:45 to 1:15.

The Humpty Dumpty Kindergarten and pre-kindergarten children will visit with Santa around 10:45 a.m. The Burbank YMCA pre-kindergarten children will visit at about 12:10 p.m.

Customers and senior citizens are invited to come and hear "The Jazz Group" from the Reading Memorial High School Music Dept. from 1-1:45 p.m. Please come join in the fun, refreshments and entertainment.

MUSIC TEACHERS 2003-2004 SEASON

The Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Assn. has begun its 2003-2004 season with many exciting and informative events scheduled. The organization, in its 25th year, offers music teachers the opportunity to grow professionally through lectures, and workshops, student Master Classes and recitals.

Its goal is to encourage and stimulate musical and artistic growth among students. This year's schedule includes programs on "Jazz Improvisation", "The Russian Style of Teaching" and a review of piano repertoire for different levels of student ability.

Student performance opportunities include a Winter Recital for all ages and a Master Class for advanced piano students.

The MVMTA welcomes new members. For more information please call Jodi Brickman, President at 978-470-3502. **MARBLEHEAD ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT**

The 23rd annual Old North Festival Chorus Christmas Concerts, presented each year as part of Marblehead's Christmas Walk, will take place on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m.

and Sunday December 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the historic Old North Church Meeting House, 35 Washington St., Marblehead.

Festival Chorus highlights this year include: J.S. Bach's Gloria in Excelsis Deo from Cantata #191, In Terra Pax by Gerald Finzi and John Rutter's When Icicles Hang, all with full orchestral accompaniment.

The Old North Festival Orchestra, Soloists and 100 voice Festival Chorus will be led by Maria van Kalken, Choir Director and organist at Old North Church. In addition to a selection of carols of the season, some with audience participation, the public will be treated to a special appearance by The Parrish Singers and other young singers from the community, directed by Rebecca Kenneally, as well as an appearance by the Old North Bell Choir, directed by Sandra Barrett.

REENACTMENT OF THE BOSTON TEA PARTY

Bostonians are invited to exchange their old, glass coffee pots and brewers at the Old South Meeting House, site of the infamous 1773 Tea Party protests, and exchange them for a FLAVIAA SB100 brew-by-pack coffee brewer for the home free.

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Come Monday, December 8 and Friday December 12 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to the Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington St. (at Milk St.) in Boston.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY SYMPHONY, CHAMBER

The Symphony and Chamber Orchestras of Phillips Academy will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5 in the Cochran Chapel. The program will feature Homan Lee, violin, performing Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto and Jina Lee, piano, performing Bach's D minor Piano Concerto, under the direction of William Thomas.

The program will also include Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis by Ralph Vaughan Williams directed by Peter Warsaw, Quartet No. 1 by Dmitri Shostakovich and Psalm for Streichquartett by Arvo Part, directed by Holly Barnes. The first movement of Tchaikovsky's New World Symphony along with other Pops favorites, directed by William Thomas.

Cochran Chapel is on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover and is handicapped accessible. Call The Phillips Academy Music Dept. at 978/749-4995 for further information.

LOCAL RINK HOSTS PUBLIC SKATING

The Chelmsford Forum, conveniently located on the Chelmsford and North Billerica line in North Billerica, will be holding public skating and open hockey sessions on Friday, Nov. 28.

Spend the day skating: public skating ice time from 10:30-11:50 p.m. or take to the ice in the evening from 7:30-8:50 p.m. If you are looking for

pick up hockey, the Chelmsford Forum has an open hockey session from 12-1:20 p.m.

Admission for public skating is \$3 and public hockey costs \$6. Rental skates are available on a first come basis for \$4.

For a complete skating schedule visit www.fmcarenas.com or call 978-679-3700.

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To reach the Lyman Estate take Rte. 128 to exit 27A (Totten Pond Rd.), follow Totten Pond Road to the end and bear right onto Lexington St. at the next light take a left onto Beaver St. and proceed to the Estate at the rotary.

STONEHAM ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

On December 3 the Stoneham Arts & Crafts will have their monthly business meeting at the Kernwood Restaurant in Lynnfield followed by the Christmas luncheon and holiday grab.

Members are asked to sign up for this event and the charge will be \$17. Workshops of paper clay Santa will be held on Dec. 10 and 17. There will be no meeting on Dec. 21 and 31.

MENTAL ILLNESS SEMINAR NOV. 24

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Eastern Middlesex meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Horizon House, 78 Water Street, Wakefield at 7:30 p.m.

All friends and families of those with mental illness are welcome. For more information call 978-664-4991.

FESTIVAL OF TREES IN MELROSE

Trinity Episcopal Church, 131 W. Emerson St., Melrose, is pleased to announce that the annual Festival of Trees will take place Dec. 5 from 7-9 p.m. and 6-9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Parishioners and friends decorate miniature trees and create gift baskets to be raffled off. There will be Christmas themed items for sale, including ornaments, books and baked goods.

Friday evening there will be a reception with refreshments and holiday music. Lunch will be sold Saturday afternoon.

Trinity Episcopal Church will be one of the stops for the Melrose "Home for the Holidays" trolley, so it will be easy for everyone to come. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 781-665-3890.

"THE REAL THING" IN LOWELL

U Mass. Lowell Off Broadway Players presents "The Real Thing", a play by Tom Stoppard on Dec. 4, 5, and 6 at 8 p.m. and on Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Mahoney Auditorium, 870 Broadway, Lowell.

General admission is \$6, students and seniors \$5. Special student rate of \$1 on the Thursday Dec. 4 show. Tickets available at the door.

Contact 978-934-5024 or Off Broadway Players@hotmail.com. **STOCKBRIDGE MAIN ST. AT CHRISTMAS**

The town of Stockbridge, made famous by Norman Rockwell's painting of the village during the holidays, becomes a magical New England setting decorated with holiday wreaths and festive lights, as the town celebrates the 14th annual Stockbridge Main Street at Christmas, Dec. 6 and 7.

Sponsored by the Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce, the holiday celebration offers a full range of activities, with highlights including a holiday performance at the Berkshire Theatre Festival, a historic house tour, caroling and a holiday concert.

Capping off the weekend is a recreation on Sunday of the scene depicted in Main Street at Christmas, complete with vintage automobiles parked in the spots occupied in the painting. The day's activities include horse drawn rides, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, photos with Rockwell, a silent auction, Roger the Jester and much more.

For Further information call Barbara Zanetti, Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce, P.O. box 224, 6 Elm St., Stockbridge, Ma. 01262

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Funds will be distributed locally in the M.E. communities, which include Wilmington, Tewksbury, North Reading, Lynnfield, Reading, Stoneham, Burlington, Woburn, Wakefield, Winchester.

A list of contributors will be published in Middlesex East throughout December.

Corporations and individuals are encouraged to include their names as part of their donations as efforts are made to promote the fund.

The "M.E. Santa" effort is actually part of the Salvation Army's ongoing service program. Please Help!

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Taking a look at Thanksgiving...

Demand for assistance is so high that in North Adams The Salvation Army will be offering two separate Thanksgiving meals where more than 120 people will be served at each location.

"We'll serve more than 250 meals between the two locations," says Captain Amy Merchant, "and then we'll also distribute up to 100 Thanksgiving dinner baskets for other people in need."

Other Salvation Army locations across the state will be serving their communities, including:

•At the South End Salvation Army, more than 700 Thanksgiving food baskets will be distributed to families in need. Each basket will contain enough food for a family of four to eat five meals.

•The Framingham Salvation Army will distribute more than 200 Thanksgiving dinner baskets to families in need, while another 125 people will be served Thanksgiving dinner at the Framingham Salvation Army. An additional 250 meals will be hand delivered to people in need on Thanksgiving.

•The Cambridge Salvation Army will distribute 200 Thanksgiving dinner baskets and serve Thanksgiving dinner to another 100 people in need.

•Similarly, at the Milford Salvation Army, more than 100 Thanksgiving food baskets will be given to those in need, with many of the turkeys coming from the police department. Canned food drives held in area schools provide the food not only for Thanksgiving but the remaining canned goods help stock their food pantry for several months.

•Several hundred people will attend the Plymouth Salvation Army's annual Thanksgiving Dinner with Friends at Handlebar Harry's, a local restaurant.

•WGGE-TV in Springfield collects food from area residents and businesses that help feed more than 400 families in the Springfield, Holyoke and Westfield Salvation Army service areas on Thanksgiving.

"In addition to these locations, other Salvation Army centers are offering food vouchers, food baskets, fresh turkeys and prepared meals. Thanksgiving is about giving back," says Lt. Colonel Fred Van Brunt, Massachusetts Divisional Commander. "It's unfortunate that so many are in need this Thanksgiving but we're glad that they turned to us for assistance."

Woodchips from S-1

CHEEKS?"... When I came home from work, Kathy told me that she had gone to the beauty parlor that afternoon. I looked at her and asked, "Was it CLOSED?"...

Sonny Pearlman would have been a CHAMPION BOXER if it wasn't for his hands. The referee kept STEPPING on them...

When my new neighbors John and Maureen O'Malley got married, they received many expensive gifts and two



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Mark Aloisi believes that a balanced diet is having a Kelly's Roast Beef sandwich in each hand...

I was told that Napoleon was NOT A POLITICIAN because every statue and picture shows that he has his hands in his own pockets...

Problem of the week: "Which month of the year has 28 days? Answer? They ALL have 28 days..."

I remember when I told Kathy that I had invited Blackie Vega over for dinner. She replied, "Thanks for telling me, I'll HIDE THE SILVER-WEAR right away..."

Father Dennis Nason said, "We are on this earth to help OTHERS." Uncle John Shea turned to Rowan Fitzgerald and

asked, "Rowan, what are all the OTHERS here for?"...

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My cousin Peggy Walsh joined an order of CLOISTERED NUNS. Except for the prayers and singing of hymns, they observed the rule of silence.

They were however, permitted to say two words every ten years. Peggy's first two words were "CELL COLD" (a room is called a cell). The Mother Superior duly noted the complaint and promptly forgot it. Ten years passed and Peggy's next two words were "FOOD BAD." Those words were ignored too.

Standing tall and straight ten years later, Peggy exclaimed, "I QUIT!" "Good," the Mother Superior replied, "You've been nothing but a chronic complainer since you got here!"...

Folks, I'm the boss in my house but Kathy gives the orders. She said to me today, "Be a man and do what I tell you..."

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369 CAMBRIDGE STREET was sold to Thul Trang Mai and Duc Nguyen by Linda and Michael Bellatoni for \$305,000.
22 CAREY AVENUE was sold to Shaun and Ana Maria Irwin by Patricia Irwin for \$325,000.
4 CAROL AVENUE was sold to Stacey Curry by Deborah Crooke for \$274,000.
21 DAVIDA ROAD was sold to Myrna Jacobs and Donald Berey by Donald and Nancy Lou Muse for \$410,000.
1 DEMONE DRIVE was sold to Elisa Reynolds by Shanthamalar Garuparan and Garuparan Paramanathan for \$310,000.
7 EUGENE ROAD was sold to Chanlan Lee and Yuenan Chang by Marilyn and Robert Callahan for \$360,000.
60 FRANCIS WYMAN ROAD was sold to Evelyn Gonzalez by Rekha Sawesar and Santosh Dawesar for \$338,000.
178 FOX HILL ROAD was sold to Dinesh Nagraj and Pashmina Mukadam by Rong Li and Xiongwei Zhou for \$395,000.
19 GEDICK ROAD was sold to Nandini and Mangesh Bhat by Eleanor Micciche for \$330,000.
10 GLORIA CIRCLE was sold to Benmin Gong and Fu Lin Sun by Roger Allen Smith and Steven Barnes Smith for \$363,000.

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130 MIDDLESEX TURNPIKE was sold to HPT Cw. Ma. Rt. and John Murray by Candlewood Boston-Bur Lic. for \$11,039,126.
4 OAK KNOLL STREET was sold to Frederick Cialdea by Timothy Hausserman for \$225,000.
7 OVERLOOK ROAD was sold to Brian and Mary Beth Leahy by Angela Anzivino and Dorothy Calandreillo for \$280,000.
29 RICHARDSON ROAD was sold to March and Alan Sloboda by Hsg. For America Rt. and Kristin Murphy Tr. for \$408,900.
5 RIDGE ROAD was sold to Marina Loninowski and Paul Trainor by Jeane and Richard Zwahlen for \$415,000.
22 SANDY BROOK ROAD was sold to Elizabeth Rosati and Jeffrey Lucas by Colleen Gould & Colleen Venti for \$315,000.
30 SUNSET DRIVE was sold to Roberta Lasky-Collins and Timothy Collins by June Flannery and Joan Mahoney for \$372,500.
37 UNIVERSITY AVENUE was sold to Cendant Mobility Financial by Franklyn Linton Jr. and Rosalia Chow for \$375,000.
37 UNIVERSITY AVENUE was sold to Suhail Siddiqi by Cendant Mobility Financial for \$375,000.
28 WESTWOOD STREET was sold to Peter and Sichu Rochford by D.A. Sullivan Rt. and Dennis Sullivan for \$579,900.

-LYNNFIELD-

Median Price: \$439,950

- 220 BROADWAY U:104 was sold to East End Rt. by Rocky Reach Farm Rt. and Russell Macpherson Tr. for \$250,000.
15 CIDER MILL ROAD was sold to David and Kathy Surette by Julia Lowell and Julia Muszynski for \$770,000.
51 CREST ROAD was sold to Stephen and Pamela Morin by Donna and Henry Buletti for \$44,000.
36 EDGEEMER ROAD was sold to James Atsales by Sally Patterson-Flynn for \$566,000.
62 GROVE STREET was sold to Paul Ciavarrro by Lee and Richard Weeks for \$339,000.
3 HERITAGE LANE was sold to Robert Zeraschi by Gilda and Mario Nocera for \$510,000.
42 WEST HUCKLEBERRY ROAD was sold to Greg Boehner by Mary Jane and Peter Moulton for \$595,000.
498 MAIN STREET was sold to Robert and Susan Cleary by Miriam and Richard Simmons for \$425,000.
19 NEW MEADOW ROAD was sold to Cindi and Robert Fleming by Gregg Boehner for \$447,000.

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Median Price: \$399,000

- 17 CHESTNUT STREET was sold to Brendan and Elizabeth Byrne by John McKenzie for \$296,000.
1 CHIPPER LANE U:1 was sold to Susan Dibenedetto-Yapp by Arno and Marilyn Bommer for \$540,000.
2 CLEEK COURT U:2 was sold to Brengola Rt. and Caroline Brengola by Cynthia Galante Ormes for \$534,000.
2 FAIRBANKS LANE was sold to Kristin Dulong-Kuperstein and Peter Kuperstein by Tower Homes Inc. for \$698,408.

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- 28 FLINT STREET was sold to Landwest Dev. LLC by John and Evelyn Doran for \$350,000.
17 GORDON ROAD was sold to Douglas Batchelder by John Yirrell Jr. for \$240,000.
2 GREENBRIAR DRIVE U:104 was sold to Stephen Brown by Kathleen and Francis Connolly for \$157,000.
36 MAIN STREET U:11 was sold to Albert Chan by David Warren and Denise Doherty for \$165,000.
38 MAIN STREET U:20 was sold to Dimitriy Sokolovskiy by Sandra Valentim for \$162,000.
28 MAIN STREET was sold to Joseph Ferrara by J&G Rt. and John Hayes for \$204,900.
40 MAIN STREET was sold to Scott Bellekevitz by Katherine Krikorian Tr. and Kirk Krikorian Tr. for \$168,500.
12 MID IRON DRIVE U:12 was sold to Andrew Didomenico and Maryann Diamello by Janice Buckley for \$419,900.
18 ROACH CIRCLE was sold to Vincent and Rhomaine Sabella by Kevin Shell for \$325,000.
17 SPOON WAY U:17 was sold to Joseph Crocker and Deborah Memmolo by Alan Potter and Gayle Gordon-Potter for \$389,000.
15 SUSAN DRIVE was sold to Dana Warrick and Joseph Coady by Sandra Horton for \$235,000.
11 SYLVIA ROAD was sold to Josiana and Chris Brown by Edward Covell for \$409,000.
13 WEDGE COURT U:13 was sold to Michael Todd Yeager and Phebe Anna Enfield by John and Barbara McMillan for \$419,900.
13 WRIGHT STREET was sold to Laurieanne Anastasi by Fraughton Ft. and Arthur Fraughton for \$310,000.

-READING-

Median Price: \$375,000

- 15 BREWER LANE was sold to James Nally Jr. and Tina Truedson by Lawrence and Fern Blood for \$579,900.
21 ECHO AVENUE was sold to 21 Echo Avenue Rt. for Leslie McGonagle by Anerio and Marilyn Cincotta for \$453,000.
109 GAZEBO CIRCLE U:109 was sold to Anita Reynold by Jolanta Lichon for \$267,500.
507 GAZEBO CIRCLE U:507 was sold to Luana Disarra by Lisa Ann Pusterino and Lisa Anne Saxonis for \$320,000.
43 GLENMERE CIRCLE was sold to Kirsten and Stephen O'Brien by Elizabeth O'Brien for \$390,000.
65 LILAH LANE was sold to Antohny Zagami and Christina Sarris-Zagami by Leslie & Keith Milano for \$628,200.
61 LOWELL STREET was sold to Jamie and Michael Nicholas by Kathryn and Peter Sabia for \$350,000.
163 LOWELL STREET was sold to Arthur Egitto Jr. and Arthur Egitto by James S. Powers for \$320,000.
295 MAIN STREET U:2 was sold to Julie Aronis by Julie Shaughnessy and Julie Chase for \$182,000.
28 MAIN STREET was sold to Domenic Casamassima by Maria Lopriore for \$199,900.
5 MARGARET ROAD was sold to Jennifer Zimack and Thomas Parker by Lachelle and Scott Campbell for \$363,000.
37 PINEVALE AVENUE was sold to John McCracken by Tarasuk Francis Est. and Paul Francis Tarasuk Ex for \$335,000.
85 SALEM STREET was sold to George and Sarah Champlin-Scharff by Kenneth and Carolyn Johnson for \$379,900.
12 THORNDIKE STREET was sold to Carolyn and Kenneth Johnson by James Nally Jr. and Tina Truedson for \$460,000.
40 VINE STREET was sold to Anne and Jayson Magnus by Susan and Jeffrey McInnis for \$407,650.
55 VINE STREET was sold to Thomas Dukas by Mary Ellen Hatfield and Robert Kelleher for \$359,500.

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Here are a few tips to open up a petite room and create the illusion of additional space:

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Local ERA Andrew REALTORS from Medford, Winchester, Stoneham and Woburn recently completed ERA's exclusive Acceleration training program, offered exclusively by global residential real estate leader, ERA Franchise Systems, Inc.

Acceleration's intensive five-day facilitated training

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Andrew REALTORS on how to better assist home buyers and sellers; pricing and preparing a home to sell; prospecting; hosting open houses; and negotiating.

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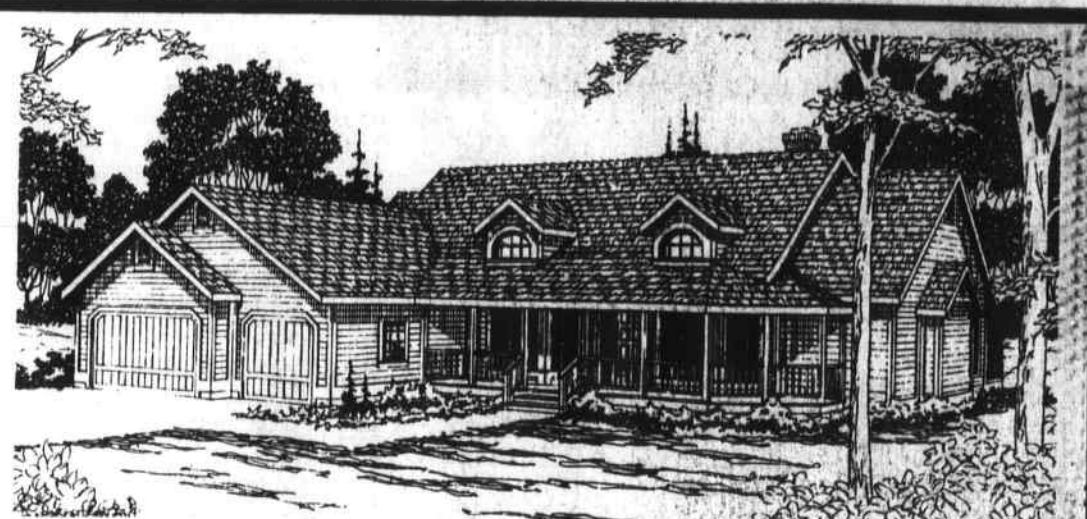
Andrew to S-9

Room From S-7

available with an elegantly detailed six-paneled design featuring an all-wood appearance on one side and a full-length beveled mirror on the other.

French doors are another great way to add light to a small room. Light flowing through the glass in a French door creates a feeling of openness. Jeld-Wen also offers French doors with a variety of wood and glass options, including clear, beveled and decorative glass.

Next, consider using cool-hued colors, like blue, green and gray, to visually expand the corners of a room. According to Nita Jackson, author of "Small Space Style: Creative Design Ideas for Making the Most of Your Living Space," color is an important tool in making a small room feel larger. Light colors make a room feel more open and airy. Maintaining a color scheme through furniture and decor allows objects to blend together, also making the room appear larger.



Family life centers on Lassen's living room

By Associated Designs

Gabled dormers and a railed porch give a country flavor to the Lassen. This single-story, 2,300-square-foot family home could be adapted for wheelchair accessibility without much trouble.

Family living centers around a living room with a fireplace. French doors open onto a deck at the left, and a solarium on the right, and more light streams in through windows that flank the fireplace. A lofty vaulted ceiling makes this bright space feel larger than it is.

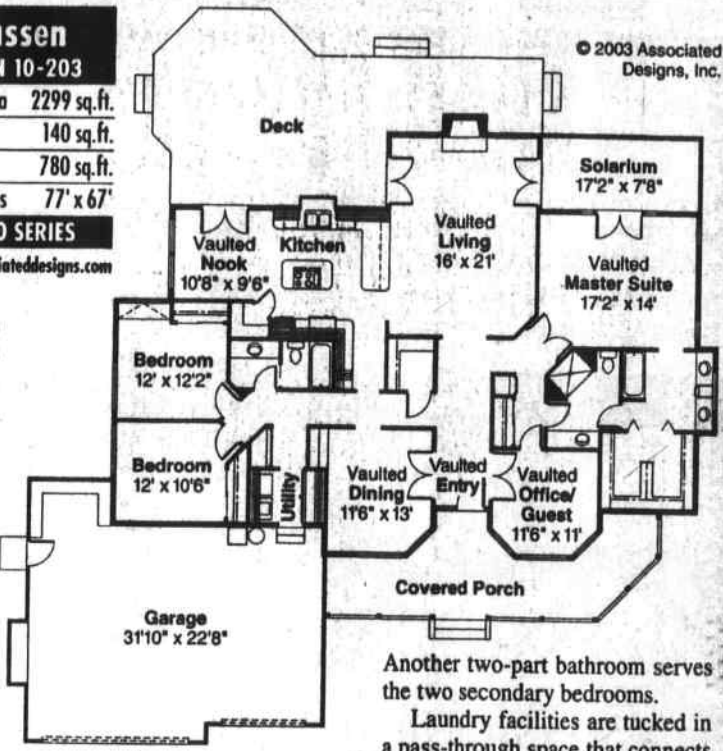
The kitchen is spacious enough for multiple cooks to work without bumping elbows. An eating bar and work island add to the already ample counter space, and a walk-in pantry provides plenty of storage for canned goods and staple foods.

The counter closest to the dining room is outfitted with a built-in food warmer.

Potted plants will thrive in the richly illuminated eating nook. It has skylights, windows on one side, and French doors on another.

Bay windows expand the front-facing rooms. The dining room has a built-in hutch. The other room could be a home office, guest room,

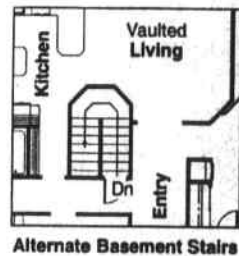
Lassen	
PLAN 10-203	
Living Area	2299 sq. ft.
Solarium	140 sq. ft.
Garage	780 sq. ft.
Dimensions	77' x 67'
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Another two-part bathroom serves the two secondary bedrooms.

Laundry facilities are tucked in a pass-through space that connects the house to a three-car garage with room for storage and a workbench.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Lassen 10-203 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring over 400 home plans is available for \$15. For more information call (800) 634-0123, or visit our web site at www.associateddesigns.com.



Alternate Basement Stairs

den, or studio. Both have vaulted ceilings and feature overhead dormers.

A smart dual-compartment bathroom serves the Lassen's master suite and the guest room.

Shower, toilet and a sink are in the outer section, while the private inner section contains the tub, two basins and a huge walk-in closet.

Light is another way to open up a room. Torchieres and wall lamps draw attention toward the ceiling, creating the illusion of a taller and more open space. Another option is to install track lighting to illuminate one wall and make a narrow room feel wider.

Finally, minimizing the amount of furniture will reduce clutter and make your room feel more spacious. Choose a couch that blends into the wall and pick a few pieces of furniture can do double duty.

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Majestically set, spacious split entry on prime cul-de-sac with gorgeous in-ground granite pool! Features include: large rooms, 2.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, lovely 3-season room that offers private views of back yard. A great family home! \$499,900



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NORTH READING
Don't miss this incredible 9 room 4 bedroom home in lovely Thomson Country Club cul de sac. Newer heat, baths and more, 2 fireplaces, in-ground pool overlooks golf course, finished lower level and more, Superb! \$549,000



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utilizes both interactive video and print materials, as well as one-on-one skill development.

ERA Andrew Realty has six offices serving the area. ERA Andrew Realty is located in Medford, Winchester, Everett as well as in Stoneham (ERA Andrew/Schmid Realty) and in Woburn (ERA Andrew/Niemszyk Realty). The company has 50+ REALTORS serving the area.



New closet systems

The cure for closet clutter often seems elusive as a cure for the common cold - but it's out there. Even among new homeowners, lack of closet space is a chief complaint, according to the National Association of Home Builders. And it's no wonder. In today's fast-paced world, wading through personal clutter on a daily basis interferes with the speed of life.

Time-pressed and space stressed, Americans are seeking order on the home front, one closet at a time.

People recognize that chaos

slows them down, and they're looking for storage solutions that simplify their hectic lives," says Susan Dountas, vice president of merchandising for Sauder.

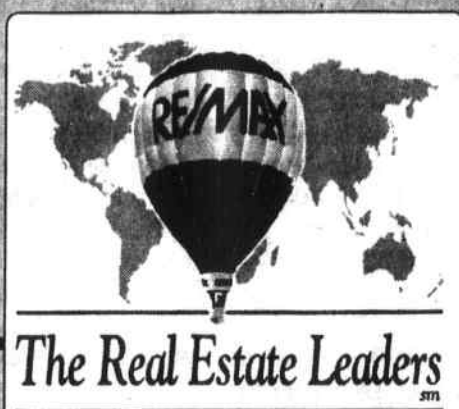
The key to an organized closet is making the most of the space available. Design leader Lynette Jennings suggests several guidelines for maximizing closet space:

- Expand storage options vertically and horizontally. "Look up and down, right and left," Jennings suggests. "Add storage units and racks to under-utilized areas for a dra-

matic increase in shelf and hanging space." An existing closet can be transformed into a jumble-free zone by adding organizer units like the versatile Closets Modular Storage System. Based on the dimensions of a cube, but available in varying sizes, the portable components can be configured into an almost endless number of clutter-busting solutions. The system's drawers, shelves and adjustable width rods expand storage potential in closets of all sizes.

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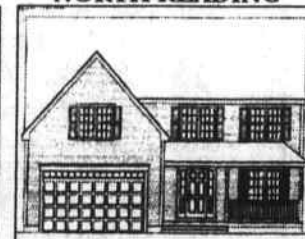


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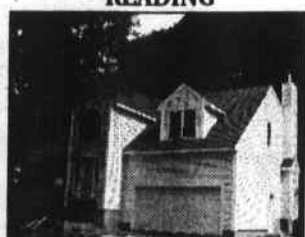
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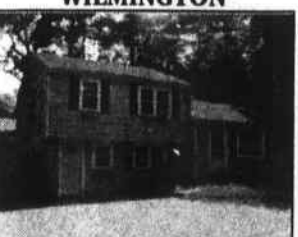
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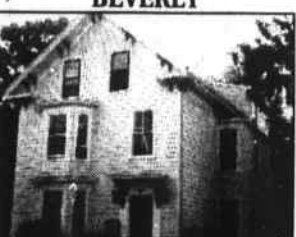
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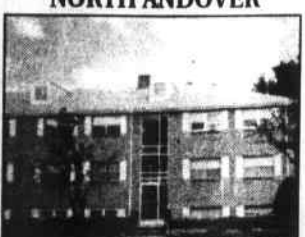
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Transfers

From S-7

-STONEHAM-

Median Price: \$375,000

39 BEACON STREET was sold to Marina Zenkova and Yuliv Zenkov by Valerie Tacci for \$540,000.
10 BOW STREET COURT was sold to Robert and Linda Callahan by Lorraine Fitzgerald for \$405,000.
22 DEWITT ROAD was sold to Paula George by Rosalie and John Deangelis for \$409,000.
410 FELLVIEW TERRACE U:415 was sold to Christine Parini by Karen Gale for \$210,500.
133 FRANKLIN STREET U:401 was sold to Giola Sweetland by Julie and Michael Bender for \$245,000.
179 FRANKLIN STREET U:3 was sold to Julie Corrigan by Edward Lorden for \$225,000.
1153 FRANKLIN STREET was sold to Daniel Lawrence and Katherine Scott for Richard and Mariella Harrington for \$423,500.
7 GERRY COURT was sold to Joseph and Jerome Connelly by Irma Sweet-Connelly for \$287,000.
44 MAIN STREET U:205D was sold to Sarfraz Bangawala by Paula Cravott for \$220,000.
159 MAIN STREET U:15B was sold to Debra Rapallo by 159 Main Street Rt. and Lorraine Muise for \$215,000.
208 NORTH STREET was sold to Marilyn and David Hefferman by John Carpinite for \$455,000.
200 PARK TERRACE DRIVE U:203 was sold to Gary Harrington by Donald and Kathleen Clarke for \$220,000.
19 ROWE HILL ROAD L:E was sold to Naomi Liang by Jenco Realty Trust and Anthony Santullo for \$599,900.
285 WEST WYOMING AVENUE was sold to Carolyn Casey and Edward Casey Jr. by Frank Vigorito for \$370,000.
3 WELD ROAD was sold to Svetoslav and Guergana Barabonkova by Paula Colantuoni for \$340,000.

-TEWKSBURY-

Median Price: \$323,450

THERE ARE NO REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS TO REPORT IN TEWKSBURY THIS WEEK.

-WAKEFIELD-

Median Price: \$367,500

14 BEEBE LANE was sold to Lisa Panella and David Tancredi by Frances Anderson for \$349,900.
33 BENNETT STREET was sold to Patricia Skinner by Giulio and Carmen Favuzza for \$455,000.
14 CASTLE CLARE CIRCLE was sold to Elizabeth and John Silk by Tracey and Walter Maloney for \$765,000.
6 CEDAR PLACE was sold to Anthony D. and Anthony Gianetto by Mary McShane for \$350,000.
6 CHAPMAN ROAD was sold to Kellie and Kevin Roche by Edward Flaherty for \$390,000.
1 CURTIS STREET was sold to Angelina Silva by Garnett Gilda Est. and Julie Jean Garnett for \$325,000.
31 DRURY LANE was sold to Ann and Paul Timmins by Jeanne and Paul Savage for \$382,500.
80 FOREST ROAD was sold to Clayre MacDonald by Ofer and Paul Guez for \$370,000.
1 FOX ROAD was sold to Maureen Courtenay by Eileen Cronin for \$335,000.
67 GREENWOOD STREET was sold to Lora Gmelch by Annette Murphy for \$287,000.
5 GREENWOOD AVENUE was sold to Claire and Joseph Croce by Doris Gilbert Rt. and Doris Gilbert for \$350,000.
34 GREGORY ROAD was sold to Frank and Lisa Ireland by John Silk Jr. and Elizabeth Silk for \$590,000.
64 HARRISON AVENUE was sold to Andrew and Paige Fantasia by Bramac Dev. T. and Frank Bramante for \$670,000.
24 HIGH STREET was sold to Frederic and Rosemarie Gilfeather by George and Carolyn Waters for \$445,000.
21 LINDEN STREET was sold to Jonathan and Nicole Goc by Carol and Francis Boveest for \$460,000.
16 LINE ROAD was sold to John Zahlaway by Dean Gibbons and Willaim Messenger for \$260,000.
51 MERIAM STREET was sold to Cosmo and Diane Carnevale by Brian and Kelley Healey for \$362,500.
7 MORGAN AVENUE was sold to Domenic Fucile Jr. by Charlene Fucile and Domenic Fucile Jr. for \$50,000.
9 BENEDETTO CIRCLE was sold to Lorne Buchanan by Florence Benedetto for \$5,000.
117 NEW SALEM STREET was sold to Carol Nicastro and David Rocca by Buchanan Edythe Est. and Richard Plouffe Ex. for \$325,000.
9 PITMAN AVENUE was sold to Paul Tempesta by Claire and Joseph Croce for \$465,800.
40 ROBIN ROAD was sold to Kevin Noonan and Maria Defronzo by Ruth Ireland-Stevenson for \$405,000.
276 SALEM STREET was sold to Bdt Rt. and David Rugato by Salem Wakefield LLC for \$650,000.
30 STEDMAN STREET was sold to Angelina and James Sciarappa by Amante Gaines and David Coppes for \$489,000.
18 UPLAND ROAD was sold to Paul and Sandra Sartell by David Rugato Tr for B&D Rt. for \$740,000.

-WILMINGTON-

Median Price: \$329,500

THERE ARE NO REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS IN WILMINGTON TO REPORT THIS WEEK.

-WINCHESTER-

Median Price: \$662,500

47 ARLINGTON STREET was sold to Raj Marphatia and Nalin Ambady by Robert and Katherine Rieth for \$1,850,000.
30 EAST STREET U: 30 was sold to Patti Ann Murphy by JFH Rt. and John Holloran for \$270,000.
2 EVERETT AVENUE was sold to Jo-Ann Levaggi by Rita Raffi for \$1,675,000.
12 GIRARD ROAD was sold to Nishanand & Margrit Atinijan by Raymond Izzo Tr. for Izzo Rt. for \$980,000.
24 HANCOCK STREET was sold to Sirva Relocation LLC by Norene and Thomas Pavilion for \$536,500.
24 HANCOCK STREET was sold to Marilyn Goldthwait by Sirva Relocation LLC for \$536,500.
115 MAIN STREET was sold to Sampath and Vandana Krishna by Andrew and Joanne Fichera for \$755,000.
99 POND STREET was sold to Michael and Julie Houlihan by Relocation Inc. for \$482,500.
17 RUSSELL ROAD was sold to Alexander Martinelli by John Marshall McGeehan and Nina McGeehan for \$409,250.
5 SAWMILL BROOK ROAD was sold to Paul Abbanat and Judith Perritano by Scott and Sheila Carzo for \$620,000.
200 SWANTON STREET U:237 was sold to Weiwei Yu by Claire Devito for \$195,000.
200 SWANTON STREET U:T10 was sold to Narout Sajonian by Thomas Kenney for \$141,900.
84 SWANTON STREET was sold to Laura Pestke and Michael Schiano by Daniels and Dianne Rosemark for \$317,500.
93-95 SYLVESTER AVENUE was sold to Ramon Portillo by John Smith Adm. for Smith Margaret Est. for \$327,000.
19 WARREN STREET was sold to Christopher O'Brien Kelley and Heather Pomeroy Kelley by Ann Mette Skilings and Eric Halvorson for \$792,000.
84 WILDWOOD STREET was sold to Donald Thompson by Ava and Gregory Juwa for \$825,000.

-WOBURN-

Median Price: \$329,000

1ST ROAD L:3 was sold to Colonial Builders Inc. by James Lichoulas Jr. for \$175,000.
1ST ROAD L:4 was sold to Constr. Inc. by James Lichoulas Jr. for \$175,000.
29 ARLINGTON ROAD U:2 was sold to Gertrude McGoldrick by Yvonne Shea for \$155,000.
29 ARLINGTON ROAD U:33 was sold to Ires Batista by Fabiano Souza for \$207,000.
6 ASBURY AVENUE was sold to Joanne Plunkett and Gerald Murray by Alexander Porte and Swanee Jacutlin for \$312,000.
36 CAMBRIDGE ROAD U:5 was sold to Subramaniam and Vasant Anadan by Kara and Bryan Cedorchuk for \$360,000.
269 CAMBRIDGE ROAD U:205 was sold to Dorothy Neri by Sean Murphy for \$294,000.
80A CAMPBELL STREET was sold to Peter Cordaro by Elayne Sheridan for \$300,000.
10 CEDAR STREET was sold to David Volpe Commercial by Lambertus Rlty Nt and Ann Lambertus for \$667,666.
6 CLARK STREET was sold to Marilyn Kurban by Michele and Paul Vietro for \$360,000.
22 DUREN AVENUE was sold to Richard Derocck by Joseph Knight and Pamela Costa for \$350,000.
13 ELLIS STREET was sold to Piyush

Mahurkar and Shilpa Piyush Mahurkar by Robert and Dennis Galante for \$319,900.

10 FLOYD STREET was sold to Ivorel Oliviera by Eralnio Terra for \$450,000.

15 HENRY AVENUE was sold to Duony Huynh and Hoa Dhan by Ivanna Pieroni for \$369,000.

42 HOUGHTON STREET was sold to Jan Harvey and Thomas Barbas by Esther Sullivan and Esther Barbas for \$265,000.

27 INDEPENDENCE DRIVE was sold to Laura Develis and Laura Desmond by Judith and Francis Shaw for \$515,000.

LAFAYETTE PLACE was sold to Colonial Builders Inc. by James Lichoulas Jr. Tr. for \$290,000.

9 LILLIAN STREET was sold to Dawn and Michael Ferragamo by Kristine and Arthur DiPaola for \$330,000.

480-482 MAIN STREET was sold to Michael and Amy Palmer by Hughson Rt. and Genevieve Hughson Tr. for \$300,000.

649 MAIN STREET was sold to Patricia Marsh by Stephen Linder for \$402,000.

33 ORANGE STREET was sold to Paul and Susan Doherty by Arlindo and Helena Oliveira for \$295,000.

19 PARK DRIVE was sold to Marco Romano by Thomas and Theresa Buonopane for \$370,000.

489 PLACE LANE U:260 was sold to Brian Dickson by Gavin Barton for \$225,000.

3 PROSPECT STREET was sold to Hr Rt and belinda Alfano Tr by Alfonso and Maddalena Guarracino for \$450,000.

35 PROSPECT STREET U:207 was sold to Domenic Bright by Nanette Masotta for \$156,000.

3 RAN DRIVE U:3 was sold to Sandra Ianuzzi by Amy Dickson and Amy Gannon for \$278,000.

7 RICHMOND PARK was sold to Maureen Miller by Hugh McSweeney Jr. for \$6,000.

80 SCHOOL STREET was sold to Francesca Marchione by Elizabeth Deprimeo and William Daly Jr. for \$359,900.

16 SENECA ROAD was sold to Thomas and Karen D'Laughlin by David and Michele Hogan for \$337,500.

17 STURGIS STREET was sold to Zena and Sophia Sumagena by John McDonough Jr. for \$205,000.

27 TORRICE DRIVE was sold to Gullotto Ft. and Kelly Patricia Gullotto by Baystate Rt. and Edwin Hania for \$315,000.

51 VERNON STREET was sold to Michelle and Scott Cullen by Brenda Connors and George Connors Jr. for \$350,000.

9 WARREN AVENUE was sold to Wanderleia Dos Reis and Wanderleia Dos Reis by Patricia Cirone and Rebecca McMenimen for \$380,000.

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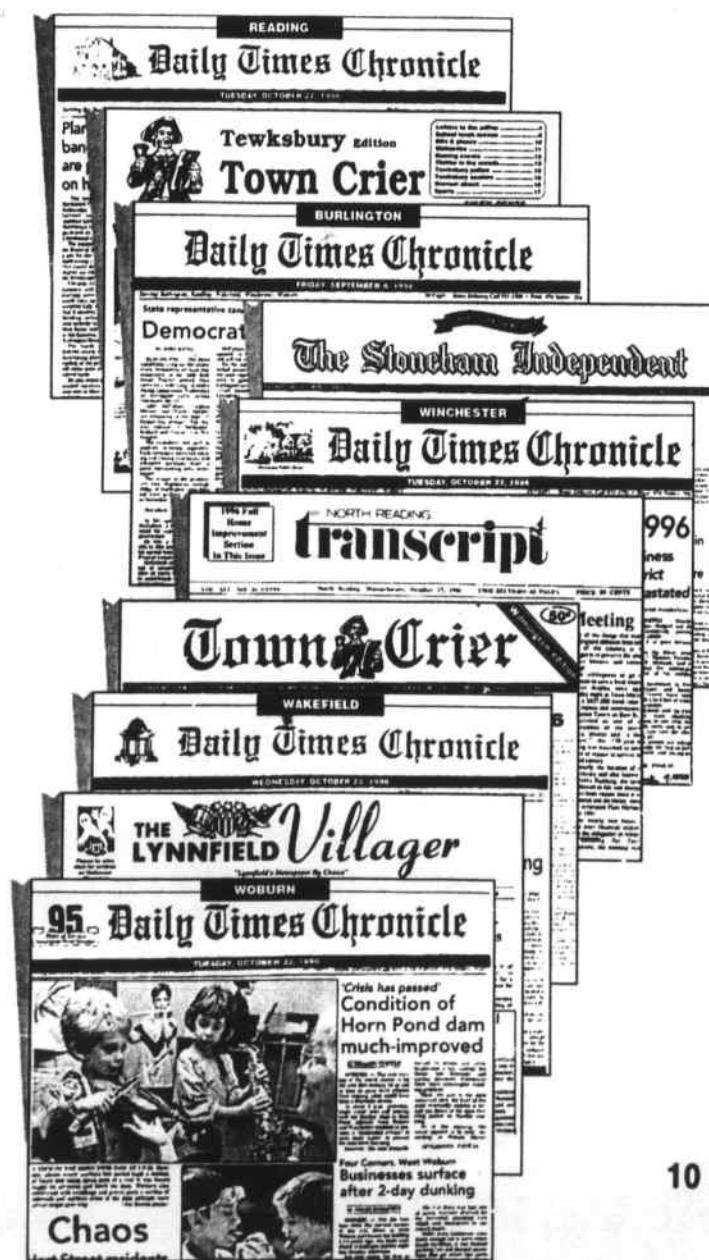
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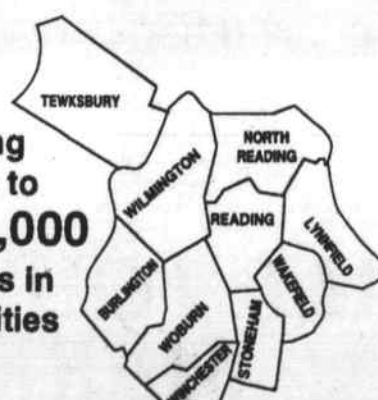


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Sale of single family homes & condos rise

Sales of single-family homes sizzled this summer across the Bay State as rising mortgage rates early in the third quarter, along with an improved housing supply and strengthening in the financial markets, drew a record number of buyers into the market from July-September, according to a report issued by the Massachusetts Association of Realtors® (MAR).

The surge in sales activity kept pressure on home prices which rose for a 41st consecutive quarter, but the rate of appreciation continued to moderate, an indication that growing inventory is contributing to a more balanced market.

The MAR data show sales of detached single-family homes rose 16.1 percent in the third quarter compared to the same period last year, climbing from 13,263 units in the third quarter of 2002 to 15,402 in the compa-

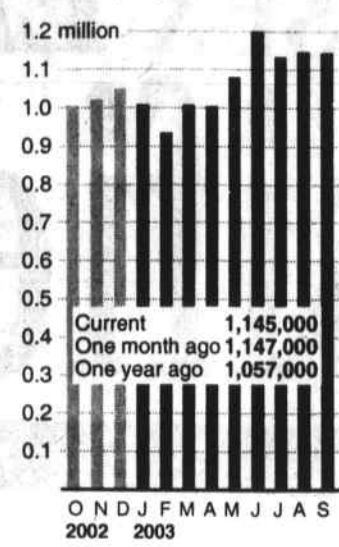
table quarter this year. In addition, condominium sales rose 30.8 percent this past summer, increasing from 4,194 units in the third quarter a year ago to 5,486 in the same three-month period this year.

The total of 20,888 detached homes and condos sold in the 2003 third quarter sets a new state record for most single-family home in any one July-September period.

"We've seen an appreciable increase in consumer confidence among buyers over the past several months, and this enthusiasm, along with a much larger selection of homes has stimulated market of late," said MAR President Peter Casey. "All the fundamentals of a strong housing market are presently in place, from low mortgage rates and favorable demographic conditions to rising home values and modest income growth, and they

New home sales

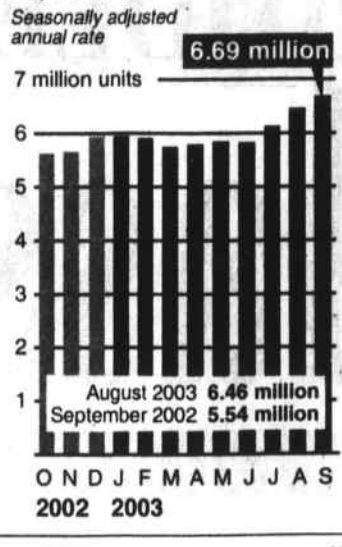
Here is a look at the sales of new single-family homes at a seasonally adjusted annual rate.



SOURCE: Department of Commerce AP

Home sales

Here is a look at sales of existing single-family homes for September.



SOURCE: National Association of Realtors AP

should remain through much of 2004."

During the second quarter, sales of detached single-family homes rose in every region in the state, with year-to-year sale growth of 9-11 percent in the Cape Cod and islands,

Southeast and West regions, 13-15 percent in greater Boston and Worcester County, and 23-24 percent in the Cape Cod and islands, 17 percent on the South Shore and 24 percent in the Northeast.

The increase in detached

Closets From S-9

simple time-saver for today's multi-faceted lives," says Jennings. "For example, put workout clothes in one section and Casual Friday office outfits in another." Once items are categorized, it's easier to determine if extra organizers - such as belts racks or sock dividers - are needed to create customized storage for individual needs.

• Aim for convenience. "An easy-to-use system automatically saves time," Jennings notes. "For example, keep the items you wear most often front and center in your closet to avoid wasting precarious minutes hunting for a certain

single-family home sales across the state is the first in three quarters, following sales declines of 10.6 percent and 4.9 percent in the first and second quarters of 2003 respectively. Meanwhile, condo sales have risen for two consecutive quarters. Sales were flat in the first quarter, but then rose 6.5 percent in the second quarter.

blazer or a favorite scarf." Create a convenient, centralized dressing area by moving dressers and mirrors close to the closet. This saves time when you're putting on and putting away clothes.

• Opt for visibility. "Visual aids reinforce organization and speed wardrobe planning," Jennings says. Arranging items by color within each category - from power suits to lingerie - makes it easier to dress for a meeting or pack for a trip. Open shelves, clear containers and double hung racks for shirts and slacks keep choices in plain view for quick retrieval. "Don't forget to install a light in the closet to brighten the area," Jennings adds.

• Look ahead. Save time now-and later-by choosing portable, easy-to-install components. For example, the hassle-free Closets system designed by Sauder and Jennings requires no drilling and no wall screws or other attachments, making it easy to put in-and easy to take out and reconfigure.



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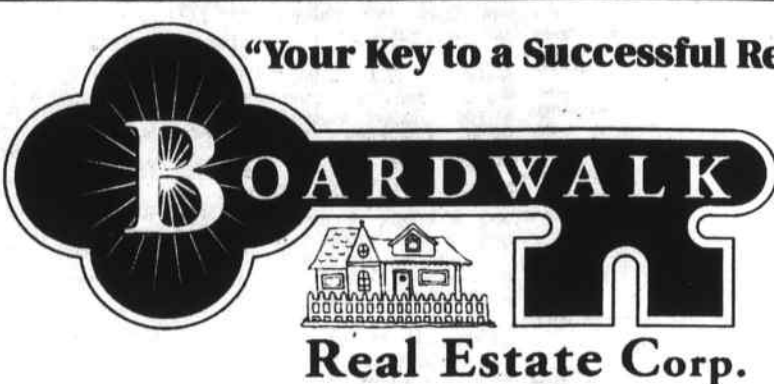
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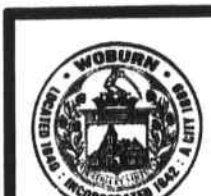
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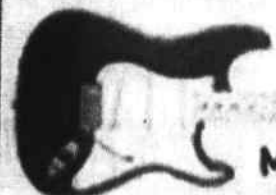


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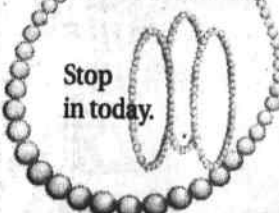
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Published by Marianne Richmond Studios (ISBN 0-97414675-2-8), "The Gift of an Angel" retails for \$15.95. The journal retails for \$15.95 and the CD retails for \$14.95.

How to Shop for the Perfect Holiday Gift

By Lillian Vernon, founder of the Lillian Vernon catalogs and www.lillianvernonproducts.com

Gift giving is a combination of art and science that requires careful thought and planning. Searching for the perfect gift is fun for some, but for others it can be frustrating. These tips will make your holiday gift giving more enjoyable and less of a chore:

- During the year, think about the types of gifts your family and friends want and need. Keep a master shopping

file or notebook as a resource for information on gift recipients, including clothing sizes, hobbies, personal tastes and preferences. The earlier you shop, the better. When you see the perfect gift on sale, buy it on the spot. If it's a bargain, it will most likely be gone. Sales also help you budget your money and keep down your credit card bills. If you wait until the last minute, you'll have to settle for what's available. Remember, the most popular products, sizes and colors often sell out.

- Maintain a gift closet to keep last-minute gifts and assorted greeting cards.

- Take advantage of services offered for free or for a nominal fee, like personalization, personal shoppers, gift certificates, gift registries and gift-wrapping.

- Sentimental and personal gifts are always special and will be cherished for years. Write your family history or recipes in a decorative bound book, or restore old family photos and mementos and place them in frames or an album with dates and captions.

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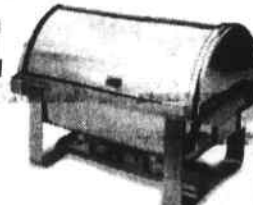
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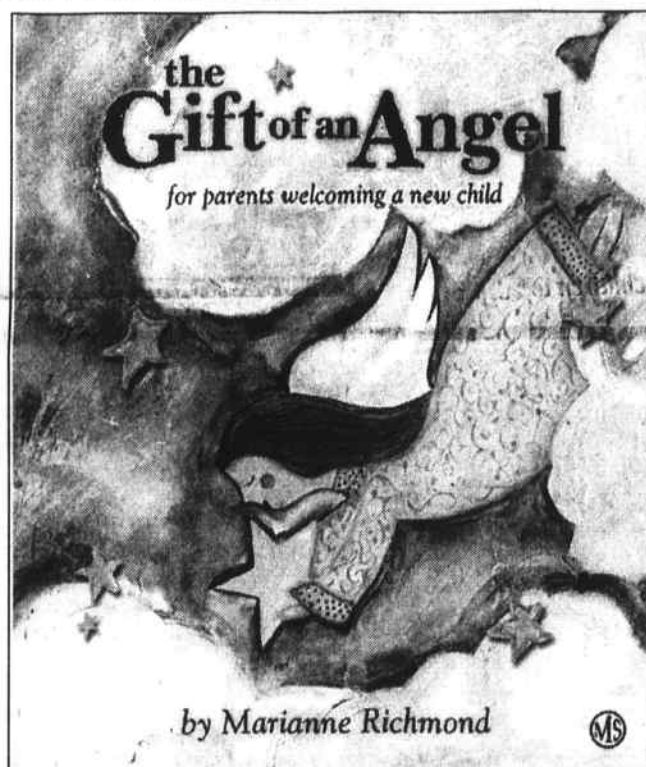


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"We want to welcome our current customers and introduce our shops to people who don't know us yet," Jean Smith owner of Sense of Wonder said. "They can try one of Reading's restaurants and shop afterward or sample some wine and cheese then stroll from store to store," she said. "We want people to enjoy themselves."

The event is designed to raise awareness of Reading as

a shopping destination offering stylish and affordable things, including artisan-designed and

wearable art, home décor items, gems and semi-precious stone jewelry, wine and

gourmet delicacies, tableware and accessories, handmade papers, custom stationery and desk sets, glassware and pottery, and clothing, accessories and gifts for children - many of them one-of-a-kind.

The event includes food and entertainment and some special one-night promotions. Themed baskets in the window of each shop will contain items from all six retailers; visitors can enter a drawing at each store to win that shop's basket. Participating stores are CB Designs, The Wine Shop of Reading, Simms Jewelers, Goodhearts Children's Shop, Sense of Wonder and The Hitching Post.

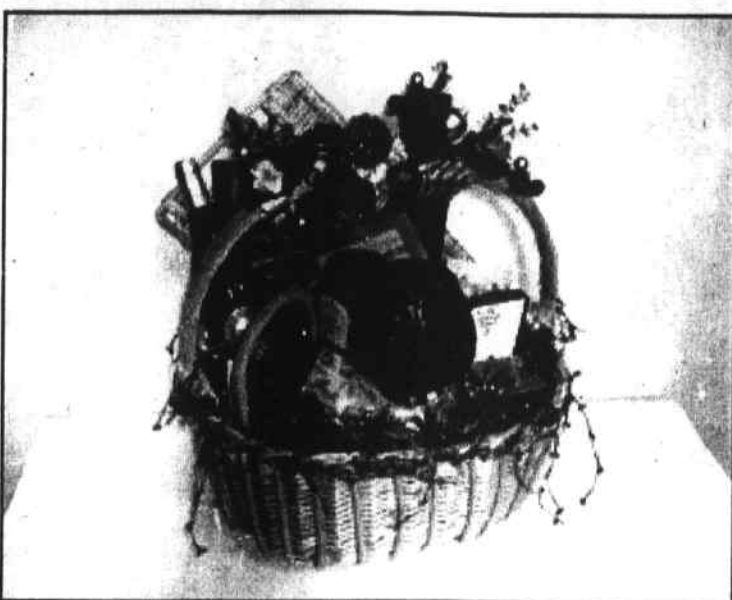
Aside from their merchandise, shop owners say what really sets their community-based stores apart is an emphasis on service and customer relationships. All provide help with gift selection, complimentary gift wrapping, and generous return/exchange policies.

"Being a small business in a small town allows you to know your customers in a way that

just doesn't happen at the mall," Leslie Leahy of The Hitching Post says.

The six stores located on or near Main Street, Reading,

between Haven and Woburn Streets, are calling their awareness campaign "SHOP THE BLOCK". For further information, call 781-944-8986.



Help children understand

Bows and tinsel are just the beginning. In between all of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it's easy to forget that this time of year is about more than "getting stuff."

It's important to teach children that a true holiday gift comes from the heart of the giver and is intended to symbolize the love and caring between people. With all the commercialism around the holidays, it helps to remind kids that presents are just things, and real holiday gifts are those which come from the heart.

Remembering that gifts arise from the true spirit of giving, and don't have to cost a lot of money can change the focus of the season for both children and adults. Sometimes kids just need a little help coming up with ideas; here are a couple you can share with your children in the weeks before the holidays:

- Talk to children about why people exchange gifts. This can

help them understand the symbolic importance of giving and receiving gifts. Encourage them to think about the holiday tradition and why they want to give something to people they care about.

- Talk to children about what they want to give - not just about what they want to get. Grandparents are sure to be charmed by a gift of artwork from small children, as would patients in a local hospital, who could perhaps use some holiday cheer. Encourage the young ones to paint a picture or make a card.

- Suggest children consider giving a gift that lasts all year. If there are military families in your area, school-age children could "adopt" a member of the armed services as a pen pal to correspond with throughout the year.

- Another simple gift idea is helping out around the house or garage. Cindy Garcia found an inexpensive new, high-tech

product called The Glosser that she bought for her boys Adam, 9, and Andrew, 5, to give to their father, Carlos. Five to a pack, The Glosser is a disposable cloth that washes and waxes a car without scratching the paint. It's so easy to use that younger children can even use it. So not only are Adam and Andy going to give their dad the product as a present, they're also going to wash and wax his car for him as part of their gift.

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Five Tips to Make Holiday Shopping Easier

Whether you're shopping for your children or others you love like your own, buying holiday gifts for the little ones in your life can be exhausting and stressful. Where do you begin?

Getting organized before you reach for that credit card can go a long way toward making your holiday shopping easier and more enjoyable. Follow these tips to keep your sanity (and budget) intact through the holiday season.

Plan ahead - Remember, as the holiday season grows hectic, so does your schedule. Start planning before you open your first party invitation. Take the time to find out opening and

closing times for your favorite stores; most tend to have longer hours during the holiday season. To avoid crowds, it's best to shop early in the day, avoiding peak times, like lunchtime and weekends, when stores can become crowded and overwhelming.

Make a detailed list - Follow Santa's lead here and make a list, then check it twice. Write down the names of all the children on your gift list, their

ages and one hobby or interest. Then try to come up with a few gift ideas that would appeal to several of the children on your list. You will save a lot of time if you can walk into a toy store and buy multiples of just a few items. Be sure to pick up a few things with universal appeal, like board games, art sets or building blocks to participate in a local charity toy drive and to be prepared in the event an unexpected little person pops up on your list.

Browse online - Need some great gift ideas? Most online toy retailers offer reviews and ratings of their merchandise, which can help you make shopping in a store faster and easier. If you decide to buy online, many sites offer gift-wrapping and several delivery options.

Get them something they need - Toys are great, but the holidays are a perfect time to stock up on fun and useful items, too. Colorful mittens or wacky socks make toasty winter gifts. Another great inexpensive gift idea is a battery-powered toothbrush. Look for kid-friendly brushes like the new LOONEY TUNESTM and BIONICLETM battery-powered toothbrushes from Colgate. They make great last-minute stocking stuffers because you don't have to brave a crowded toy store to find them - just go to your local drugstore, grocery store or mass merchandiser.

Let them choose - If you are really stumped or simply

out of time, buy a gift certificate from a toy, music or book retailer. If you live nearby, part of your gift can be taking the child to the store to select his gift. A gift certificate also ensures you're not giving something they've already received, and it enables you to stay within your budget.

They say it is more fun to give than to receive during the holidays. If you follow these tips to stay relaxed, organized and focused, it will be!

Look your best during the holidays

Come holiday time, your mailbox and calendar will likely be filled with holiday parties. There is your office party one night. Then your friend's holiday shindig the next. And your own family celebration another day. In between all that, you have to cook, decorate and of course, shop.

You want to look your best in front of your friends, family and colleagues, no matter how late you've been out, how many hours you've spent at the mall or how many treats you've eaten. That's no excuse to look worn out or not fit into that slinky new black dress. It is possible to put your best self forward - from head to toe - at any event. The following simple tips offer an easy way to look good this season and the year to come:

- Drink like a fish. Water is probably the single most important trick to weight loss. By making you feel fuller, it helps prevent food cravings as it flushes out unhealthy toxins.

- Forget about drastic starvation diets or "magic" pills with stimulants. Many are not only ineffective but also have unhealthy effects on your skin, hair and overall stress level.

- Don't skip meals. This is one of the most popular stumbling blocks to weight loss. When you skip meals, your body assumes it's starving and slows down its metabolism to

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conserve energy. That's why you should feed your body every three to four hours.

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- Exercise for 20 to 30 minutes at least three times a week. Exercise helps you manage holiday- and work-related stress while burning off extra calories. If you can't get to the gym, then walk for 20 to 30 minutes. It doesn't matter what you do, as long as you are active.

- Take vitamins regularly. A lack of essential vitamins and minerals can make losing weight more difficult.

- Watch your sugar intake. Sugar is a "high glycemic" substance, which causes your body to output a higher amount of fat storage hormones (insulin), which are directly responsible for loss of skin tone and increased body fat.

- Avoid salt. A diet rich in sodium causes your body to retain water, which can make your face look "puffy."

With just a few steps, it's easy to look your best this holiday season and the year to come. To get a free special report at no cost or obligation that reveals how to lose weight faster and lose 2 to 14 inches in one hour with in-home Herbal Body Wraps, call this 24-hour voice mail and leave your address: (888) 286-3210 ext. 2014.

You can decorate ornaments for everyone on your list in an afternoon with just a little planning and the right materials. To start, make a list of the special people in your life you'd like to remember this season - friends, coworkers, teachers, sitters, grandparents, aunts and uncles are just a few to consider. Then, with list in hand, visit your local craft store.

Clear glass ornaments are widely available and an excellent choice for decorating. Most craft stores and discount chains carry the traditional spheres, as well as bells, hearts, stars and other shapes. With spray-on glass paint, you can paint and decorate a dozen or more glass ornaments in just a few hours. If you want to paint a lot of ornaments quickly, choose one paint and color for assembly-line production. If you have a little more time, select colors and finishes that match the recipients' individual tastes.

For the traditionalist, Krylon Stained Glass Color offers the regal look of stained glass in rich, holiday hues like purple, red and green. Sophisticated Frosted Glass Finish is a semi-transparent paint available in six soft and frosty shades. For maximum sparkle, try Looking Glass® Mirror-Like Paint for a mirror-like finish.

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Before painting, clean the ornaments thoroughly and let dry. (Protect your work area with newspapers for fast cleanup.) To keep a grip on the ornaments, insert a long thin dowel, hatpin or chopstick into the open end and insert the other end in a block of Styrofoam®. Carefully read the instructions on the can and you're ready to go.

Once the ornaments are painted and dry, let your schedule dictate the next step. For a fast finish, personalize each one with a Krylon Leafing Pen, tie a pretty ribbon at the top, and you're done. Or consider adding a few flourishes with sequins, acrylic gemstones and beads. If you have a little more time, create patterns on the ornaments by masking them with shapes cut from Contact paper, painting the ornaments a second color, and carefully removing the Contact paper after the paint dries.

Still too pressed for time? Then personalize purchased ornaments by adding the recipient's name and the date with a Krylon Leafing Pen in gold, silver or copper. Spray lightly with Krylon Glitter Spray for shimmering gold, silver, green, red or multi-color highlights. And that's it - a personalized ornament created in less than five minutes.

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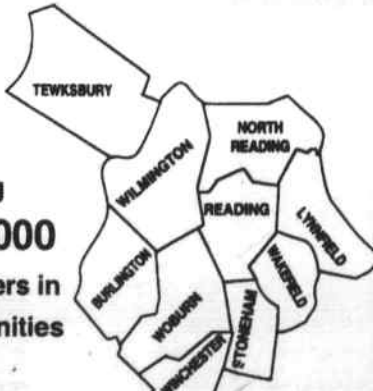


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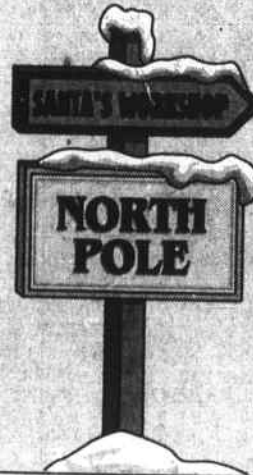
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In the 1940s, Dahl and Gaske Development Company bought the Bon Davis homestead in Alaska, subdivided it and named it North Pole. The name was selected to attract the toy industry to manufacture articles made in "North Pole." This endeavor failed to blossom, but North Pole has continued to grow, and interest continued to develop North Pole as a theme city, "where the spirit of Christmas lives year-round."

Many streets bear holiday names: Santa Claus Lane, Snowman Lane, Kris Kringle, Mistletoe, Holiday Road, Saint Nicholas Drive, North Star Drive, Blitzen and Donner. The Santa

Claus house, the "official" home of Santa Claus, greets all visitors who pass through the city. Each year the community starts the holiday season with a candle-lighting ceremony and tree-lighting event on the first Sunday in December.



Turkey Day Tidbits to Enjoy

Tired of having the same old conversation at the dinner table this Thanksgiving Day? This year, keep everyone on their toes with a game of turkey trivia.

1. According to the National Turkey Federation, what percentage of Americans eat turkey at Thanksgiving?
ANSWER: 95 percent.
2. What are the most popular ways to serve leftover holiday turkey?
ANSWER: Sandwich; soup or stew; casserole; stir-fry; salad.
3. What is the average size of a Thanksgiving Day turkey?
ANSWER: 15 pounds.
4. What are the most popular uses of "dark" turkey meat?
ANSWER: Dark meat is used in soup and stew, rich marinades, grilling and barbecuing.
5. Which is better nutritionally — white or dark meat?
ANSWER: White meat has fewer calories and less fat than dark meat.
6. Which country consumes the most turkey?
ANSWER: According to the USDA, Israel ate the most turkey in 2001. It is followed by United States, France, Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom and Canada.
7. The turkey was once proposed to be the official bird of the United States. Whose idea was that?
ANSWER: The idea was proposed by statesman Benjamin Franklin in the late 18th century. Eventually, Congress chose the bald eagle over the turkey.
8. True or false: Turkey has even been enjoyed in Outer Space.
ANSWER: True. Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin ate foil packets with roasted turkey and trimmings as their first meal on the moon.
9. What is the ratio of white to dark meat in an average 15-pound turkey?
ANSWER: It's about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat.
10. Can turkeys fly?
ANSWER: Domesticated turkeys cannot fly. Wild turkeys can fly for short distances up to 55 miles per hour and can run 20 miles per hour.



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Holiday Greed

Everyone wants what they can't have — more money, a nicer car, a larger home, a higher paying job, a bigger wardrobe. Some of these wants and desires can be linked to something called greed.

The origin of greed is a natural wish for abundance — whether it be for fruit fields, stocked storehouses or extra cash. The sin does not come

from enjoying good fortune. Rather, it comes from picking someone else's pockets to finance your fun.

Drew Fetherston explores greed in "Greed & It's Rewards" (Red Rock Press). Fetherston is a Newsday business columnist, two-time Pulitzer finalist and former

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Perfect Jewelry Gift

It's that time of year when thoughts turn to gift giving. There isn't a woman out there who isn't thrilled with the thought of Santa's helper stuffing her stocking with glittering jewelry. But how do you know what to buy?

"Look at the jewelry she's already wearing," says Amber Michelle, editor-in-chief of Jewelry Connoisseur, a magazine on jewelry design and trends, available at Barnes & Noble and Borders bookstores nationwide. "Compliment her on a piece she is wearing and ask her who designed it."

According to Michelle, jewelry is part of fashion. "This season's hottest styles include the diamond right hand ring or jewelry with unusual pearls — such as stick, coin or keshi pearls." She offers a few more pointers to help gift givers choose the perfect jewelry present this holiday season.

• What kinds of metal does she prefer? Is she wearing silver, yellow or white gold or platinum? Does she mix white and yellow metals? Try a piece in two-tone metals.

• What gemstones does she like? You can never go wrong with diamonds, but some women prefer colored gemstones. If you know your recipient's favorite color, you can always buy a piece of jewelry

that showcases a stone in that color.

• What's her personal style? If her style is contemporary and modern, then chances are she will prefer sleek designs with clean lines and geometric shapes. If she has a more romantic style, she may prefer something with filigree or an antique look. Maybe she's a trendsetter and she likes the unexpected. Perhaps a pearl or diamond dangling from a leather cord is just her style. Note the size of her jewelry. Is it a big statement piece or is it small and dainty? This too, should help narrow your choices.

• What are her interests? Does she love anything with animals, hearts, flowers or the sea? A beautiful charm bracelet in silver or gold would be an ideal choice.

• Go window shopping with your unsuspecting recipient. Pay attention to the items she admires. Go back and purchase them.

• If there is a jewelry store that she frequents, ask a sales associate who knows her taste for some suggestions or if he or she knows of an item that she's admired recently.

Whether you're after earrings, a necklace, bracelet, watch or brooch, be sure to visit a jewelry merchant that



This year's must have jewelry item is a diamond right hand ring, such as this one by Italian designer Monile.

has a good reputation and has been in business for a while. If you need to make a return or exchange a piece, or have the item repaired, you can be sure the store will be around.

According to Michelle, there are several classic pieces that are ideal for every jewelry wardrobe, including diamond solitaire earrings, a diamond solitaire necklace or a diamond

bracelet. For those who love color, she suggests gemstone bead necklaces or bracelets that come in a rainbow of luscious shades. "Daring women who love all-out glamour and glitz will be delighted with chandelier earrings, perfect for a night on the town," she says.

If you're still stuck on what to do, "just ask her what she wants," Michelle advises.

Movie Classics

For many people, one of the holiday traditions they eagerly await is gathering around the television to watch classic and new holiday programming.

From ClaymationTM movies from your youth to modern-day sitcoms with a holiday storyline, December is filled with tantalizing shows in honor of the holidays. Before you pop the corn, pour the egg nog and hop into comfortable clothing, check out this list of popular holiday movies that illustrate the true meaning of the season:

• "A Christmas Story" — This all-time classic about Ralphie, a boy who dreams of receiving a Red Rider BB gun

for Christmas, remains by far, one of the favorites for the holiday. And who could forget Ralphie's dad battling the blasted furnace and staring googly-eyed at a scantily clad lamp.

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Neckties are fine and gadgets can be great. But neither is likely to be considered the perfect gift once the holiday decorations have been removed. The perfect gift tends to be one that provides enjoyment not only months, but years after it was given.

Among this year's hottest holiday items are personal watercraft like the Polaris MSX, which was recently named "Watercraft of the Year" by Watercraft World magazine.

"The last couple of years we've been seeing more and more families shopping for personal watercraft around the holidays," says Todd Meyers of Southeast Polaris dealership in Cleveland, Ohio. "I think they're trying to find fun activities that they can enjoy together as a family, and a personal watercraft is just that."

Studies continue to show the average family is spending less of their free time together. Experts suggest that finding hobbies and recreational activi-

ties that parents and children can enjoy together can reverse the trend and increase family interaction.

With that goal in mind, many families now are looking to purchase larger-ticket holiday items that the entire family can share rather than an assortment of smaller, individual gifts. Personal watercraft owners often take their craft to nearby lakes or cabins or transport them to warm-weather locales for recreational use throughout the year.

Ron Bills, general manager Polaris Watercraft, believes that personal watercraft are really designed with the family in mind. "Our Polaris MSX is an ideal watercraft for those interested in taking the family out for a fun day on the water," says Bills.

This holiday season is an ideal time to shop the dealerships, as many are just receiving their 2004 models and there are plenty of exciting choices available for enthusiasts and newcomers alike.

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When the malls are packed with holiday craziness, think ahead to fun-filled days at your favorite water destination and choose a gift that will give back. For more information or to find a nearby dealer, log on to www.go-polaris.com.



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Mission of Deeds holiday season

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According to Susan H. Muse, Reading Co-operative Bank President and CEO, "Our customers and staff have strong ties to the community and quickly respond to opportunities to help charitable organizations within it."

This is the third holiday season proceeds from this program will be donated to Mission of Deeds. Through the efforts of our customers, this invaluable organization can continue providing the resources and goods necessary to help those less fortunate in our community."

Reading Co-operative Bank has been an integral part of Reading and its surrounding towns since 1886. Supporting

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Those interested in donating time, money, and/or goods are urged to contact Bruce Murison of Mission of Deeds at 781-944-9797.

Did You Know ... ?

According to www.word-detective.com, mistletoe was an element in European mid-winter celebrations for thousands of years before the advent of Christianity, and like many "pagan" traditions, mistletoe was eventually integrated into Christmas tradition, although it has no religious significance in itself. Today a small sprig of mistletoe is often hung in a doorway.

Check out Holiday gifts for Teachers

Like the rush of students at the afternoon bell, the sight of a student bringing a gift to a teacher is a perennial scholastic scene. But all too often these gifts end up in their basement or the garbage can in the teachers' lounge.

Erica Stavis, a 25-year-old middle school teacher in New York City, has received an assortment of gifts each holiday season, including make-up kits and candles. Recently, she received something she described as a "snowball dolphin blue thing with a mini surfboard on it" that had "Myrtle Beach" printed on it. Stavis says that while she appreciated the sentiment, the gift was just "really funny" instead of being meaningful.

Experts suggest parents and students put extra thought into the gifts they give teachers to express their gratitude for a half-year well-done. Here are some suggestions:

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Some gifts for teachers are perfect for wearing in the classroom. What is better


attire for male teachers than neckties with patterns featuring school books or crayons? Or for the female teacher who likes to accessorize, check out scarves with similar patterns.

From the student


Just like cards, a handmade gift from younger kids can go over well. Try baking cookies or making a popsicle stick picture frame with a picture of the student or class. Sometimes, a class will get together and compile a photo album of themselves. Or for the more culinary-inclined students, a recipe book could be a welcomed asset to the teacher's kitchen. GG03B173

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Funds will be distributed locally in the M.E. communities, which include Wilmington, Tewksbury, North Reading, Lynnfield, Reading, Stoneham, Burlington, Woburn, Wakefield, Winchester.

A list of contributors will be published in Middlesex East throughout December.

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Toys that challenge kids imagination

If the phrase "construction toy" conjures up images of a few blocks or some old-fashioned logs, then you're in for a surprise this holiday season. The new generation of construction toys feature wildly imaginative scenarios and astonishing engineering, and promise tons of cutting-edge fun. Kids are noticing these modern toys, making them a hot property in stores across the country.

"Parents like construction toys because they offer clear

educational benefits while encouraging creative play. Kids like our products because they're both exciting and engaging," says Susan Spiegel, of construction toy company Mega Bloks. "We prove every day that an educational toy can be cool and fun."

Spiegel points to the company's Alien Agency line as an example of the winning approach. "Here's a toy line that features UFOs, way-out aliens, gas stations that morph into secret science labs and all sorts of other amazing stuff, and it's all powered purely by a child's imagination. So the kid thinks it's cool, and the parent knows it's educational. Everyone's happy." The toys are designed for children age 6 and older.

Here's a look at some "new generation" construction toys for boys and girls available for this holiday season:

Mega Play. Big blocks mean big fun for little kids, with castles, fantasy homes and even a

Disney Princess Palace only a few snaps away. Children age 3 and up can create their own play areas with plenty of room inside for toys and friends.

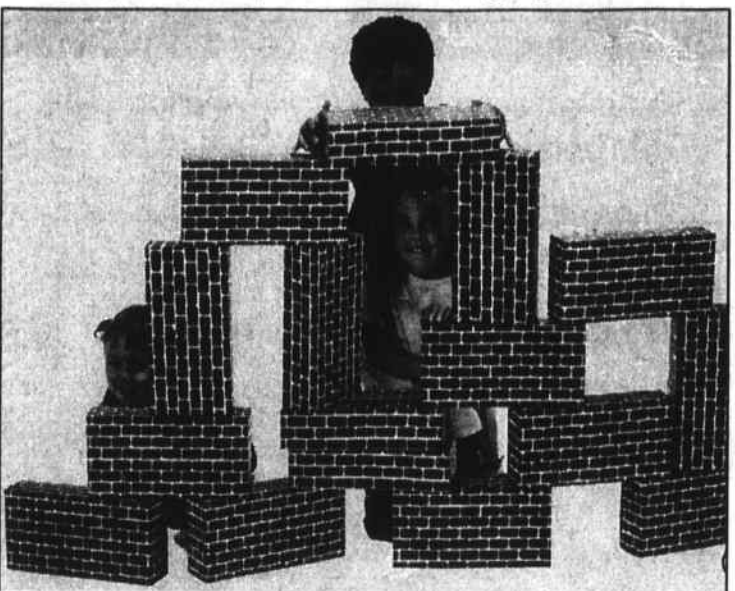
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These construction toys are available at major retailers



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BUILDING BLOCKS, like the ones pictured here from ImagiPLAY, are an ideal gift for young children, enabling them to explore how they can control their environment and manipulate the objects within it.

Holiday Shopping Tips to know

Be "e-wise" when doing your holiday shopping online. Safeguard your personal information, including Social Security number and Internet passwords.

Paying by credit card can provide you certain legal protections if the merchandise is not received.

Also, be sure to consider taxes, shipping costs and return or cancellation policies before making a purchase.



•Movies from SS-5

• "Home Alone" — Macaulay Culkin scores big brownie points for his portrayal of Kevin, the child who gets left behind at home when his family departs for a holiday vacation. When two bumbling burglars try to outsmart him, Kevin makes sure he gets his just rewards.

• "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" — Family dysfunction at its best! Clark Griswold leads his closest relatives through wild antics, including a Christmas light display to put Rockefeller Center

to shame, super-speed sled ride, animal mishaps and more, amid the backdrop of a heart-warming holiday tale.

• "The Nightmare Before Christmas" — Is it Halloween or Christmas? In this Tim Burton animated flick spooky creatures decide to do their own version of Christmas. A clever plot keeps this one on the top of the list.

• "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" — For anyone who's ever felt like a misfit, this animated movie is still a favorite even after its umpteenth time on TV.

•Greed from SS-5

Wall Street Journal reporter.

The author travels through history and culture, giving playful tidbits about gold rushes and the wealthy, complementing these stories with portrayals of greed in film and poems. We see how the wealthy spend their money whether it be impulsive purchases, large homes or donations to charity.

The book features gorgeous color illustrations and is presented in a format that makes it enjoyable and easy to read. You'll laugh at the chapter titles — "Rich & Richer," "The Soul Wars" or "Hey, Big Spenders."

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Jennifer Smythe, 27, of Succasunna, New Jersey, has so many people to tip around the holidays that she has to write out a list. First, there are the doormen, superintendent and maintenance men at her apartment building. Then there is her colorist. Oh, add in her hair stylist and the nice shampoo girl. "Did I mention my newspaper and mail carri-

ers? I can't even keep track of it all," she explains.

The holidays are a time to open your heart and your wallet to those who provide services to you. Tipping is a way to express your gratitude for what you've received in the past months as well as for the service you will receive in the months ahead.

Who you tip and how

much you tip is under constant debate. According to the Emily Post Institute, base your decision on how pleased you are with the service, your relationship with the provider, how often you use the service, how long you have used the service, your budget, your area's customs, and the type of establishment (upscale versus one that's more moderate).

Instead of just slipping the cash into an envelope, personalize it with a handwritten thank-you note. Some tipping suggestions:

Baby sitters: an extra evening's pay plus a small gift from children/child.

Hair salon staff: \$10 to \$60 each, giving extra money or an extra small gift to those who do more for you.

Building superintendents and doormen: \$20 to \$100.

Nannies, au pairs or housekeepers: One or two weeks pay plus small gift from your child or children.

Cleaning person: \$25 to \$50; one day's pay or a gift equal to one day's pay.

Newspaper carrier: Between \$10 and \$30.

Letter carrier: They are allowed to accept gifts worth up to \$20.

In general, service workers get tips, which they rely

on to supplement their income.

Jason Haber, 26, of New York, New York provides extra tips to people he visits frequently. "A tip is not something you prepare for," he says. "It's something that you respond to when you've been well taken care of."

In some professions, a gift will suit the bill. Send your child's teacher a book, picture frame or gourmet fruit basket. Thank your chiropractor with a plate of cookies. Mail your dentist a holiday card.

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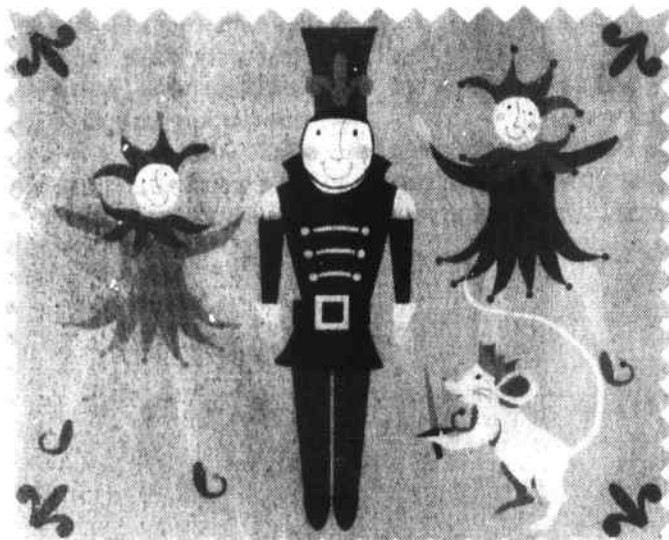
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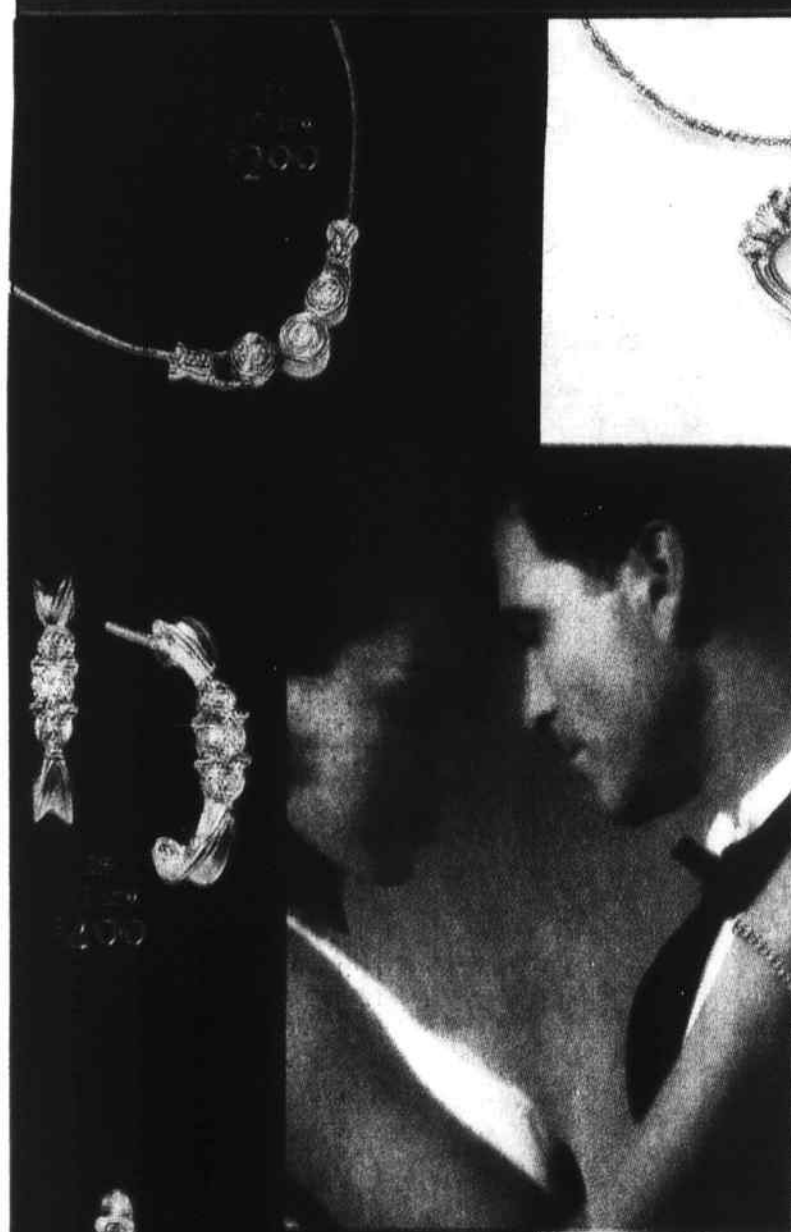
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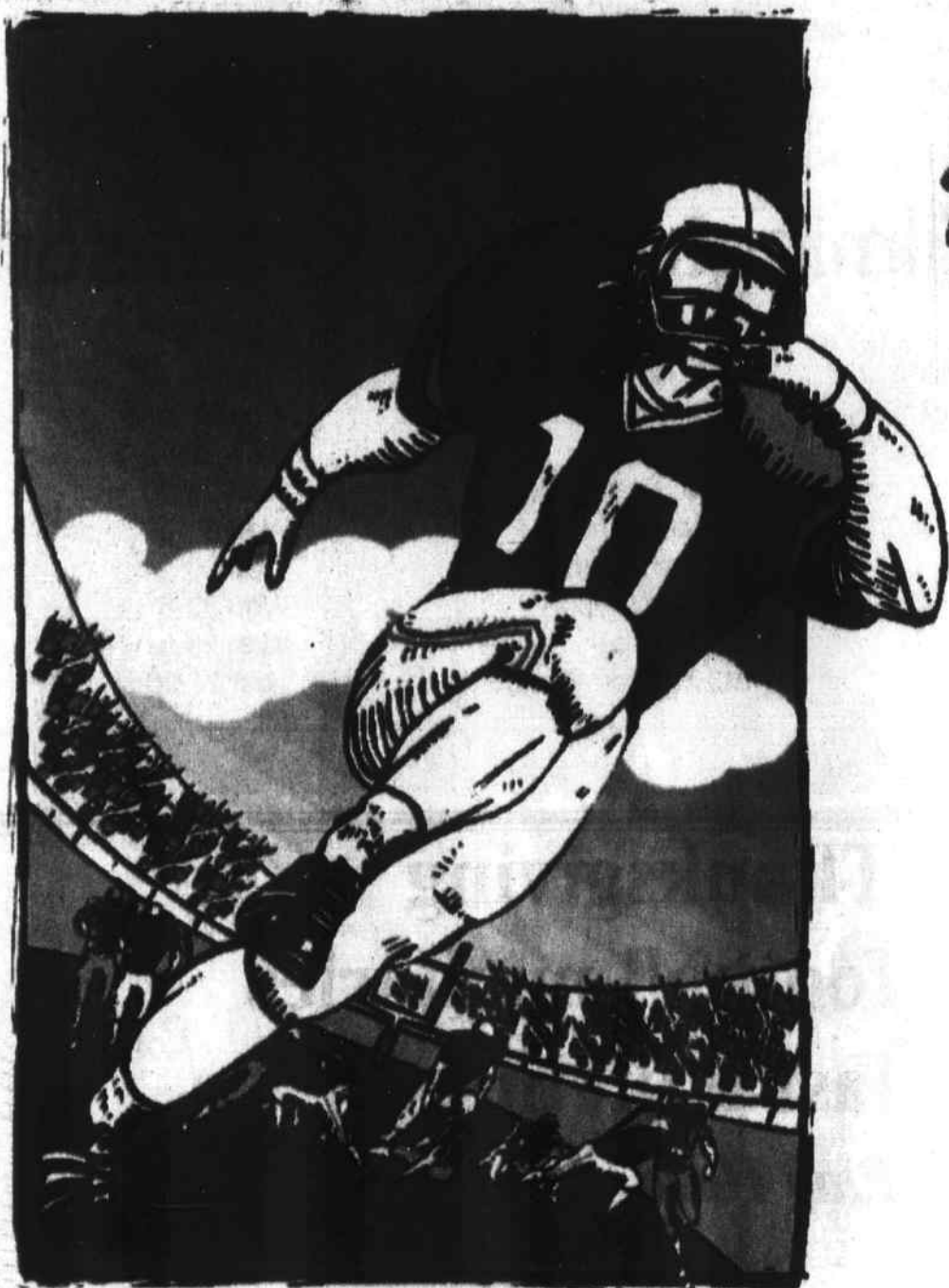
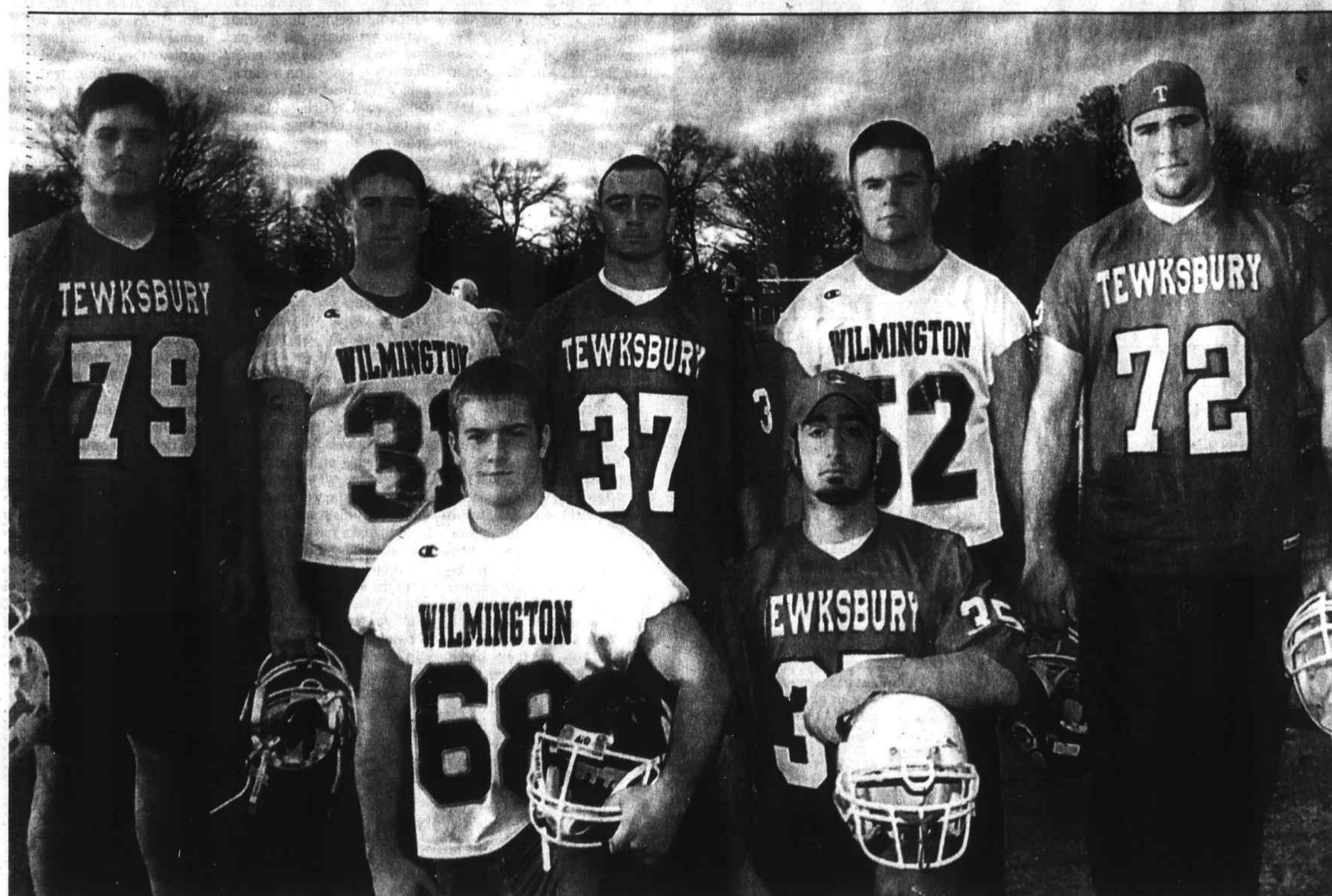


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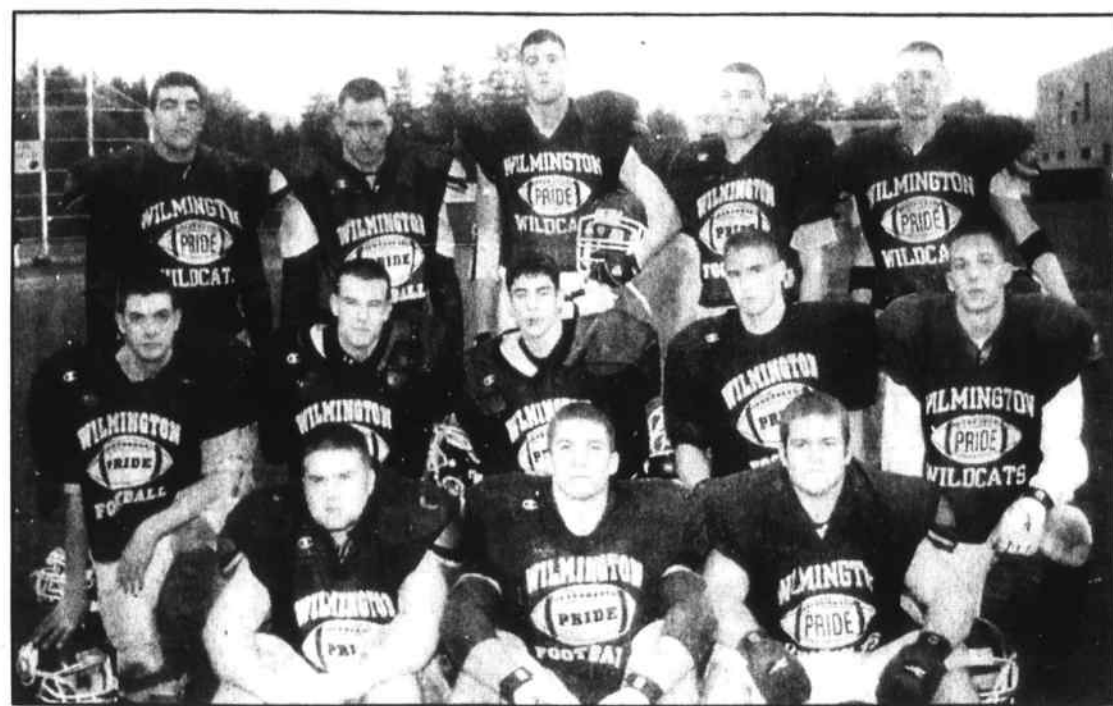
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Traditions, players and fans remain the same



The WHS Seniors will be playing in their final game on Thursday in the 70th annual Thanksgiving Game to be played at Doucette Field. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

Gillis ready for last one

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

For almost half of the 70-year existence of the Wilmington-Tewksbury Thanksgiving Game Classic, Wilmington High athletic director Jim Gillis has been a part of it. This Thursday marks his last one as an administrator.

During his sophomore, junior and senior seasons at WHS, Gillis was a part of three straight Wilmington victories. In 1960 when he was a sophomore, the 'Cats won 12-0. The following year in 1961 they won 18-0. In 1962, his senior season, the 'Cats won 22-0 making it all three years in which he class didn't lose to neighboring Tewksbury.

In 1979, Gillis became the athletic director and has had the title ever since. He will officially be retiring as of January 1st when Ed Harrison will officially take over. But for Thursday, this last one will mean a lot for Gillis.

"It's kind of melancholy," he said. "I'll be back next year with my nephew (Robbie) playing but as an official this is my last one. I've been a part of this ever since the games were played at Town Park and my uncle was playing in the 50s. It's a great tradition. It's a rivalry that has become a community event. There's been some great memories."

Gillis was asked about his fondest memories and he said the list could go on and on.

"There's so many of them," he said. "It's more than the wins and losses. All of the games are great. We have been a part of the joy of victory and the agony of defeat. We've experienced both ends of that. It's such a great rivalry. I really look forward to this one. I think it's going to be another hard fought game. I'm proud of the Wilmington guys - this is their Super Bowl."

And who will win this year's contest?

"I think it's going to be a very competitive game," said Gillis. "I think we're going to win. Could there be a better way of going out than that?"

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

For the past 69 years, hundreds upon thousands of student-athletes from Wilmington and Tewksbury have put on the helmets, the pads and the cleats and have ran out to the respective fields to which the Thanksgiving game has been played. Those thousands of different players all left the fields with bumps, bruises and certainly memories of their last game played as a senior, or their last game for the season. Many players left those fields standing with smiles on their faces, some left angry as their teams lost, or some left crying just because they participated in such a terrific rivalry.

This Thursday will be no different. In the small suburban towns here in Tewksbury and Wilmington, many townspeople gather together just this one time to catch up on old times, while they drink their coffee and watch some football before going home to the family and talk about the game while eating some Turkey and Mashed Potatoes.

Beginning at 10:00 at Tewksbury's Doucette Field, about 70 football players from the two towns will square off for another battle. The last two times Tewksbury has come off the field victorious. And, while the Wildcats certainly appear to be favorites because of their 8-2 record, compared to the 3-6 mark of the Redmen, Tewksbury has set a long tradition of winning on their field. Just twice since 1983 have the Redmen loss on their home field, with the last game coming in 1991 when former WHS

coach and the school's new athletic director (officially as of January 1) Ed Harrison controlled the sidelines.

While this game will have no implications of either team advancing to the playoffs, or either team coming away with a league title, the game itself is what it's all about.

"Going up there to Tewksbury, hearing the (National) Anthem, seeing those white stripes you really get the pins and needles of the excitement that this is more than a game," said WHS athletic director Jim Gillis, who is retiring at the end of the calendar year after 24 years at the helm. "There's been so many memories, it's beyond the wins and the losses."

There's people like Gillis, Harrison, former head coach John Ritchie who have seen all - or almost all of the games in one form or another from the Wilmington perspective. There's people who are relatively new to the tradition, including head coach Bob Almeida. Yet just in his eighth year as coach, he quickly found out what this is all about.

"It's a great tradition," said Almeida, who is 2-5 in the game since coming on board for the 1996 season. "People in both towns really care about this game and this tradition. So we want to make sure that we have a good showing. So often half of the people at that game just go to the one game a year. You like to base their evaluation on what you are by having a good showing."

In Tewksbury, there's people like current athletic director Bob Aylward, who like Ritchie

know the ins-and-outs of every game, every athlete and every outcome. Bob's son, Brian also is a big part of the tradition, as a player, captain and now the program's coach. He is in his seventh year as head coach and is 4-2 in this game. He always reflects this game to the seniors, because for him, it's where the game lies mostly.

"These senior kids have nothing left but one game and it's going to be the most important game of their lives," said Briar Aylward. "Their memories they create in that game they are going to hold on to forever. It's about making it a good one. It's about spilling your guts or every play, no matter what the score stays. It's going to be a memory they should be very proud of. If there's 11 guys thinking the same way, we're going to be alright."

Both Aylward and Almeida realize that the only way their respective team is going to win is if all 11 guys on both sides of the ball do play together and do play at their highest level of competition they have played all season in order to execute the game plans. That's the only way their players will walk off the field with smiles of joy or winning, or tears of joy of playing their last game together. And while those 22 players are on the field making tackles in the cold brisk weather, there will be those thousands of people, who gather together for this one time a year, who drink their coffee, watch some football and go home to talk about the great tradition they have been a part of for so many years.



Bill Fabiano will be one of Tewksbury's 19 seniors who will be playing in their final high school football game. (file photo).

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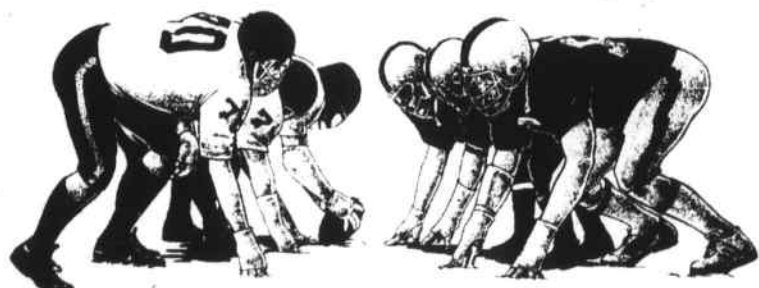
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Sept 26	at Haverhill	Won 20-6
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By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

In the past 20 years, the Wilmington High football team has walked off Tewksbury's turf with a victory. The last time it happened was 1991, and the time before that was 1983. Thus, the Redmen falling in front of their home crowd against those pesky Wildcats doesn't happen often. This year's Wildcat squad wants to change all of that, especially since it has won just two games since that 1991 season, both under the direction of head coach Bob Almeida, who enters the game with a 2-5 record.

For Wilmington to come away with a win, a lot of things have to happen. First, not like last season, they have to put points on the board. Normally that wouldn't be a problem since the team has done it consistently all season averaging 27 points a game led by a terrific ground game. Second, the team's offensive line has to find a way to create holes for those backs. That could be difficult with the handful of bigger guys who are dressed in Red. Third, the Wilmington's offense will have the chore of trying to stop the defenses of Bill Fabiano and Chris Byrne.

And above all, Wilmington has to come out on fire. They played three plus very flat quarters in their Cape Ann League showdown before playing incredible in the final five minutes in the big Cape Ann League showdown loss to Hamilton-Wenham which eliminated them from the playoffs. If the 'Cats are still down from that defeat, it's going to be a long day.

"I hope we will be up," said Almeida. "I couldn't imagine that the seniors we have wouldn't be up for their last game. I think they will be very excited and in general I would think they would be up. If not it won't matter very much. We certainly talked a lot about the tradition we have and the tradition of this game and they better be up because I guarantee that Tewksbury will be up."

Every year it seems like Wilmington is the underdog coming into the game because it plays a Division 4 schedule, whereas Tewksbury plays a Division 2 schedule. Both teams did play one common opponent

in Andover. Wilmington probably played its best game of the season against the Golden Warriors coming away with a 30-19 win in Week No. 2. Tewksbury, on the other hand, probably played its worst game of the season against Andover in Week No. 4 coming away with a 34-6 defeat. Is that a measuring stick? Perhaps. But in either case, Tewksbury head coach Brian Aylward believes the role of underdog is reversed this time around.

"We have our work cut out for us," said Aylward. "We've been an underdog every game we've played this year so we are used to it. And we're going to take that underdog mentality into the game and say hey what do we have to lose."

Almeida didn't say which team was favored. Instead he took the middle of the road approach.

"The last two years we were a little down when we were about to face them," said Almeida. "We started off strong but then injuries and what not we haven't fielded a great team in the past few years. We want to make it a great game again. I think this year promises to be one. While we have two different teams, I think in some ways we are similar. They have great size up front. Generally, Tewksbury is always bigger than us. But I think we can match up pretty well. I think it's two evenly and similar teams."

Wilmington will win or lose this game with its offense. Last year the team laid an egg and watched Steve Kasprzak and Ryan Casey walk all over them. Both of those guys are gone for the Redmen for this year's game. Wilmington needs its offense to stay on the field as much as possible, control the clock, move the chains with a variety of running and passing plays.

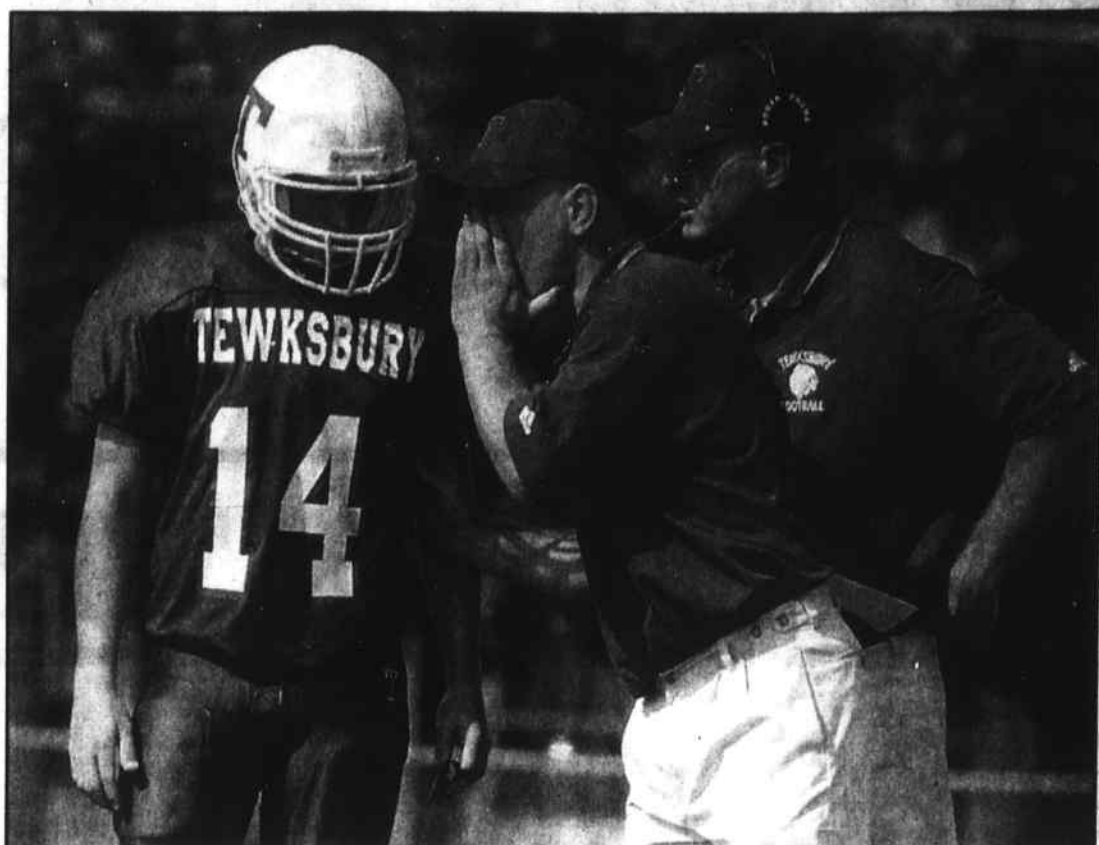
"I think it depends on how it goes," said Almeida. "We would like to have a balanced attack but we generally like to take what teams give us. To me it doesn't make too much sense to throw the ball 18 times a game when you rack up 400 yards in offense a game with 350 of them running the ball. Obviously we couldn't do that against Hamilton-Wenham and even before the late barrage we

still threw the ball nine times. We went into the game knowing that we could (pass more). We didn't pass against Andover and barely against Masco and we had great success running the ball and we came away with wins."

Offensively, Wilmington is led by Shawn Godding (795 rushing yards, 8 touchdowns), Rob Gillis (500 rushing yards, 6 TDs), Joe Herra (330 yards, 9 TDs) and Dave DeMango (323 yards, 4 TDs) have combined for close to 2,000 yards as well as 27 touchdowns and 196 of their total team points. On top of that Herra has completed 40-of-79 passes for 542 yards with 5 touchdowns and just two interceptions. Derek Trueira and Brennan Jones are his favorite two targets as they have combined for 17 catches and 302 yards. Up front Wilmington's offensive line is led by center Bobby Harrington and linemen Kenny Luongo, Charlie Lojek, Dave Paris and Mike Thibault.

"We have seen Wilmington four or five times now and we know and the kid know that they have a good club," said Aylward. "Godding is just a horse. If you let his legs get going he'll just bounce off of you. If he bounces off the line once, he's gone. Gillis is like Jerome Bettis, he bounces off people and then all he does is slide laterally and he keeps on going. Herra, I can't throw Michael Vick on him yet because he's just a puppy but maybe I will when he's a senior, but he can do a all kinds of stuff. He kills you on the draw. Coach has a good sense of when it's the right time to run that shovel pass or when to run the draw. Coach knows when to let Herra air it out a little bit like he did against Hamilton-Wenham and he looked terrific, he was pin-pointing everything. Trueira is as good of a receiver as we have seen all season. They are a good team."

Defensively, Wilmington is led by DeMango and Gillis as the linebackers, while the linemen are pretty much the same with Harrington, Lojek, Luongo and Paris. The secondary is made up of Herra and Joe Costello as the safeties and Trueira and Jay Cuilla as the corner backs.



Tewksbury High football coach Brian Aylward and one of his assistants, brother Robbie, will be coaching their seventh Thanksgiving Game together after both played in it. Quarterback Tyler Michaeliewicz will be starting his first Turkey Game Classic. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

Redmen need to hang on to ball to get over hump

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Tewksbury High football team knew going into the season that it had to play error free ball all season in order to match their 8-win record of a season ago. That hasn't happened. The team has lost several very close games this season with fumbles, or in the inability to score in the final minutes of games. Yet throughout the team's 3-6 record through nine games, Brian Aylward's team hasn't given up for one second or one play and packed it in. Instead, the team's run defense remains very respectable, while the addition of Chris Byrne at defensive end makes their chances of coming away with a victory on Thursday against Wilmington very good.

But it all goes back to turnovers, or the lack there of. Tewksbury's offense has struggled at times this season. At the other end of the spectrum, Wilmington's offense hasn't struggled. The 'Cats have piled up a whopping 271 points this season. Tewksbury's defense will be tested early and often.

"They are good team," said head coach Brian Aylward of Wilmington. "Those kids up front (on the offensive line) are tough. Size wise they aren't a big solid line but these kids are athletic and tough. You have your kids (Bobby) Harrington, (Charlie) Lojek and (Kenny) Luongo and they are all like cookie cutter, 220-pound kids who can all run. They aren't much bigger than their backs, but they are all tough. They can crack you in a lot of different spaces."

The biggest key to the Redmen's defense will be Byrne. After sitting out the last few games with mono, he came back last Thursday against Methuen and was immense. The junior stands in at 6-foot-2,

210 pounds and wears the No. 58. He'll be everywhere on the field. Aylward said after the Methuen game that he wasn't sure if Byrne would play defensive end, or go back to line-backer against Wilmington. Chances are that he'll see time in both positions. But if he's at defensive end, it's going to take a lot for Wilmington to stop him, especially when they try to pass.

"Defensively, we have to prove that we can move those two big guys (Alex Marcin and Joe Davidian)," said WHS coach Bob Almeida. "And when we throw the ball we have to be concerned with (Chris) Byrne and their blitz."

Wilmington's big four offensive players of Sean Godding, Robbie Gillis, Dave DeMango and quarterback Joe Herra have rushed for almost 2,000 yards this season. Herra has also tossed 542 yards in the air, including 183 in the team's last game against Hamilton-Wenham. Besides Byrne, Bill Fabiano is a terrific linebacker, who is tough, who makes tackles and who makes big plays. Marcin and Davidian are huge linemen and have played very well all season. Several years ago, Wilmington came into the game facing a much larger Tewksbury line but outquicked them and that's what they have to do in this battle. Besides Byrne and Fabiano, and the two Big Guys, the rest of the Tewksbury defense will feature lineman Greg Weiss with Dan Westaway, Buddy Bradley and Greg DeGiso seeing time, in addition to linebackers Mike Bourgeois, Kevin Terrio and Bryan Hamilton. Tony Corsino is as good as they come as a strong safety, and his secondary help will come from Peter Fortunato, Jeff Mancinati and Jon Flanagan. Offensively, Tewksbury has

struggled at times but have improved in a lot of areas over the course of the season. Quarterback

Tyler Michaeliewicz (41-of-86 passes for 585 yards which includes two touchdowns but six interceptions) struggled early on but has really improved in his decision-making over the last few games. He has done a nice job of hitting the open receivers and not forcing anything, which he tried to do early on. Last week he displayed a strong arm when he hit Corsino for a long 47-yard pass over the middle which put the nail in the coffin in the team's win over Methuen.

Fabiano (737 rushing yards) is as tough and as consistent runner you can have in the backfield. He powers up the middle a lot, using his legs for three or four yards at a time and occasionally breaks one. He's helped out by Bryan Donoghue (287 yards) and Pat Brewin. Up front, the Two Big Guys, along with Byrne, Westaway and Bradley which make up a pretty big offensive line. Doug Heald, if healthy, and Brian Lowe are two wide out targets as they have combined for 18 catches and 351 receiving yards.

"Their ability to power us a little with (Bill) Fabiano and their big offensive line (is a concern for us)," said Almeida. "The times I've seen them they have been able to move, the ball. The other thing is the play-action and their trick plays. We've probably seen 20 trick plays and you can't prepare for all of them. They do a lot of stuff which prevents you from flying up. Our safeties have done a great job all season knowing when to come up but we have to be careful with Tewksbury."



The Wilmington High football coaching staff hopes it can end the season with a 9-2 record with a victory over Tewksbury in the annual Thanksgiving Game this Thursday. Pictured from left to right are: Bob Gillis, Rich DeLucia, Pat Finn, Mike Barry, head coach Bob Almeida, Tim Jones and Carl Stauffer.

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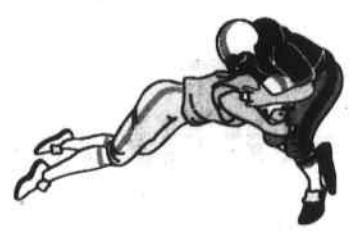



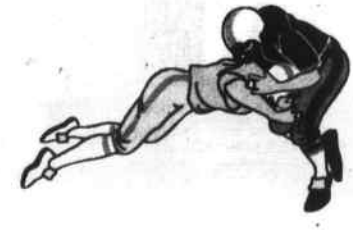




WILMINGTON

STARTING LINE UPS

WILDCATS' OFFENSE

			
Running Back Sean Godding #31 Ht. 5-10 Wt. 205	Wing Back Joey Downs #3 Ht. 5-10 Wt. 190	Left End Dan Hurley #80 Ht. 6-6 Wt. 190	Left Guard Dave Paris #56 Ht. 5-9 Wt. 170
			
		Quarterback Joe Herra #7 Ht. 5-9 Wt. 165	Left Tackle Charlie Lojek #68 Ht. 6-0 Wt. 220
			
	Running Back Robbie Gillis #10 Ht. 5-9 Wt. 210		Center Bobby Harrington #52 Ht. 6-0 Wt. 210
			
			Right Tackle Kenny Luongo #53 Ht. 6-1 Wt. 225
			
			Right Guard Mike Thibault #63 Ht. 5-10 Wt. 180
			
			Tight End Brennan Jones #81 Ht. 6-1 Wt. 190












WILDCATS' DEFENSE

			
Strong Safety Joe Costello #30 Ht. 6-0 Wt. 180	Cornerback Derek Trueira #16 Ht. 5-10 Wt. 165	Linebacker Dave DeMango #42 Ht. 6-0 Wt. 190	Defensive End Sean Godding #31 Ht. 5-10 Wt. 205
			
Free Safety Joe Herra #7 Ht. 5-9 Wt. 165	Cornerback Jay Ciulla #19 Ht. 5-10 Wt. 165	Linebacker Robbie Gillis #10 Ht. 5-9 Wt. 210	Defensive Tackle Kenny Luongo #53 Ht. 6-1 Wt. 225
			
			Nose Guard Bobby Harrington #52 Ht. 6-0 Wt. 210
			
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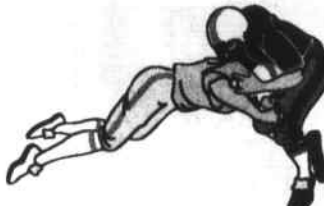



TEWKSBURY

STARTING LINE UPS

REDMEN OFFENSE

	<p>Fullback Bill Fabiano #35 Ht. 5-10 Wt. 190</p>		<p>Tight End Brian Lowe #1 Ht. 5-10 Wt. 170</p>	<p>Left Guard Buddy Bradley #61 Ht. 5-11 Wt. 240</p>	
	<p>Running Back Tony Corsino #37 Ht. 5-10 Wt. 175</p>		<p>Quarterback Tyler Michaeliewicz #14 Ht. 5-9 Wt. 170</p>	<p>Left Tackle Joe Davidian #72 Ht. 6-3 Wt. 270</p>	
	<p>Tight End Pat Appiani #82 Ht. 5-7 Wt. 170</p>			<p>Center Dan Westaway #60 Ht. 6-0 Wt. 235</p>	
				<p>Right Tackle Alex Marcin #79 Ht. 6-4 Wt. 295</p>	
				<p>Right Guard Chris Byrne #58 Ht. 6-2 Wt. 210</p>	
				<p>Open End Jon Flanagan #20 Ht. 5-9 Wt. 165</p>	

REDMEN DEFENSE

	<p>Cornerback Jeff Macinati #21 Ht. 5-10 Wt. 175</p>		<p>Linebacker Mike Bourgeois #24 Ht. 5-6 Wt. 160</p>	<p>Defensive End Chris Byrne #58 Ht. 6-2 Wt. 210</p>	
	<p>Free Safety Peter Fortunato #34 Ht. 5-10 Wt. 170</p>		<p>Linebacker Bill Fabiano #35 Ht. 5-10 Wt. 190</p>	<p>Defensive Tackle Alex Marcin #79 Ht. 6-4 Wt. 295</p>	
	<p>Strong Safety Tony Corsino #37 Ht. 5-10 Wt. 175</p>		<p>Linebacker Kevin Terrio #5 Ht. 5-9 Wt. 200</p>	<p>Defensive Tackle Joe Davidian #72 Ht. 6-3 Wt. 270</p>	
	<p>Cornerback Jon Flanagan #20 Ht. 5-9 Wt. 165</p>	<p>Defensive End Greg Weisse #84 Ht. 5-10 Wt. 180</p>			

Dan hurled his way into line-up

By MATT KALMAN
Sports Correspondent

At 6-foot-7, 190 pounds, Dan Hurley strikes most as a young Kevin McHale. The Wilmington senior, however, has as much desire to be a Ben Coates-type football player as he does to be a low-post scoring threat on the hardwood.

Through tons of hard work and hours in the weight room over the summer, Hurley earned the Wildcats' starting tight end job this year and also received some playing time at defensive end.

I think he just really committed himself into wanting to become a starting football player on our team."

While females and hoops are important to Hurley, Almeida's hunch about the 17-year-old's goals was correct.

"Since I joined in my sophomore year, I just really learned to like (football) and I wanted to be a starter," said Hurley, who'll get one last taste of high school football against Tewksbury on Thanksgiving Day. "Last year, the two captains were tight ends, so I did-

might lead one to believe Hurley's heart is devoted mostly to basketball, he has equal room for both football and hoops.

"I'd have to say it's right down the middle," said Hurley. "I really like football because it has awesome camaraderie, but I also like basketball a lot."

It helps that Hurley's been placed in a position that's perfect for him to succeed in - tight end.

"I like it because you're on the line, but you still go out for passes," said Hurley, who caught two balls for 38 yards this fall. "It's like the best of both worlds."

Sometimes Hurley's size and the blocking responsibilities of tight end don't blend well, but Hurley still gets the job done.

"It's difficult for him with his size being so tall and thin to run block, but he really works at it," Almeida said. "He really works very hard for it. The effort he gives in all aspects of the game on the field in practice and games is noticeable to us and we appreciate that."

Said Hurley, "Some of the guys I've been going against have been kind of small with low centers of gravity, but I've been working on that this season and I got the job done."

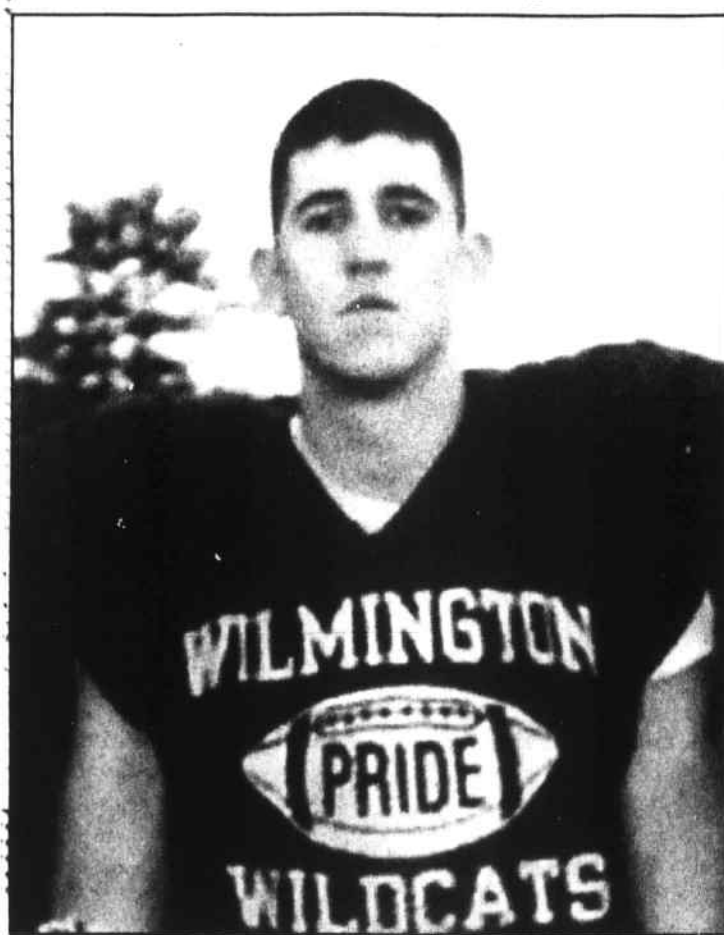
Once football and basketball seasons are over, Hurley will take the spring to relax - he might lifeguard at the YMCA - and prepare for college. While his sports career might continue at Westfield State or UMass Lowell, he's strongly considering a study of criminal justice wherever he goes because he wants to become a state trooper.

Someday when he's waiting at the side of the highway for an oncoming speeder, Hurley can sit back and remember his senior season with the Wildcats.

"I think we had a pretty successful season," Hurley said. "We had some tough breaks, but we overcame them together and the team really played well."

"I thought I kind of came along this season. I really improved as a player from last season and I contributed to a lot of our wins."

Jamie Pote contributed to this report



Wilmington High senior Charlie Lojek in action.

(photo by Jessica Stygles).

Lojek is a big part of 'Cats success

By MATT KALMAN
Sports Correspondent

Too big to play football growing up, Charlie Lojek didn't step on a gridiron until he arrived at Wilmington High as a freshman.

One year later, Wildcats head coach Bob Almeida saw talent oozing out of his defensive and offensive linemen, but the inexperienced youngster was having trouble releasing his potential.

"When I was a sophomore, I had no confidence at all," Lojek said. "I'd never played football until my freshman year. Then I took to it because it was fun to throw people around. Then sophomore year to my junior year, I knew I had to step up if I wanted to be a key part of the team. I did what I had to do and I knew I could be a strong player on the field."

Said Almeida: "His sophomore year, he was ready to start for us. He was ready to step up to the varsity level physically, but mentally he wasn't ready. He probably would've started for us as a sophomore if he had the confidence. In practice, he was burying (Joe) McHale, our best lineman and one of our captains, and then he would go back into his shell afraid of stepping on toes."

His confidence caught up to his talent and by junior year he was a two-year starter. This year, he emerged as a player on both sides of the ball and as a senior captain. He'll play his last game in Wildcats blue and white on Thanksgiving Day against Tewksbury, as Wilmington tries to cap what's been a successful 8-2 season thus far.

"I've enjoyed every minute of it," said the 6-foot-tall, 220-pound Lojek. "Senior year I've been playing with my best friends and I couldn't ask for

anything more. We've played games I'll always remember. The way we played the games together, we were like a family. I'd never let (my teammates) down and I know they'd do the same for me."

"I couldn't be more proud of my team. We never gave up. We played hard game in and game out and never quit."

Wilmington's success this season started with the running game, which requires more than just strong backs. Up front, the Wildcats line made sure there was always room to dash for a large chunk of yardage.

"The line really does deserve a lot of credit," said the 17-year-old Lojek, who can bench press 315 pounds. "The whole line tried to mesh and we got a lot of the run game going. It's the best feeling to see your running back in the end zone and there's nothing better than when the team can celebrate when it happens."

Although he enjoys watching his teammates score, Lojek's just as excited about playing defense.

"Defense (is my favorite) because you get to hit more," said Lojek.

And the bulky lineman hits opponents with the best of them.

"This year, I think he's one of the best in the entire league," Almeida said. "He's arguably our best lineman. He reads really well and reacts really well."

Another thing Lojek does well is play with pain. A torn meniscus has acted up on him all season long, but he's missed just a couple of practices and appeared in every game.

"If it gets knocked around the right way, it can pop out," said Lojek, who'll have surgery during the offseason. "When you

work through it, it pops back in."

Said Almeida: "You talk about tough kids of all-time and I think he's an extremely tough kid. He's been playing with this knee thing all season. He knows what it is and he knows that it won't get worse if he keeps playing but he's the one who plays with all that pain. That's very hard to deal with, that pain through games and practices."

Saying goodbye to his high school career will be more painful for Lojek than playing with his knee injury. Lojek, who's considering playing at Westfield State, Worcester State or Springfield College, has a ton of memories from the season that he'll never lose.

"(One of my best memories) was when we beat Masco this year. It was a really amazing game for us," said Lojek, who wants to major in criminal justice in college. "We won with under a minute and our offense drove down the field and our backs ran hard like they always do."

"(Defensive back) Derek Trueira, he made some unbelievable interceptions this year and (safety) Joe Costello, he's always stepping up big with the hit. Just the whole team's been a great memory."

Jamie Pote contributed to this report.

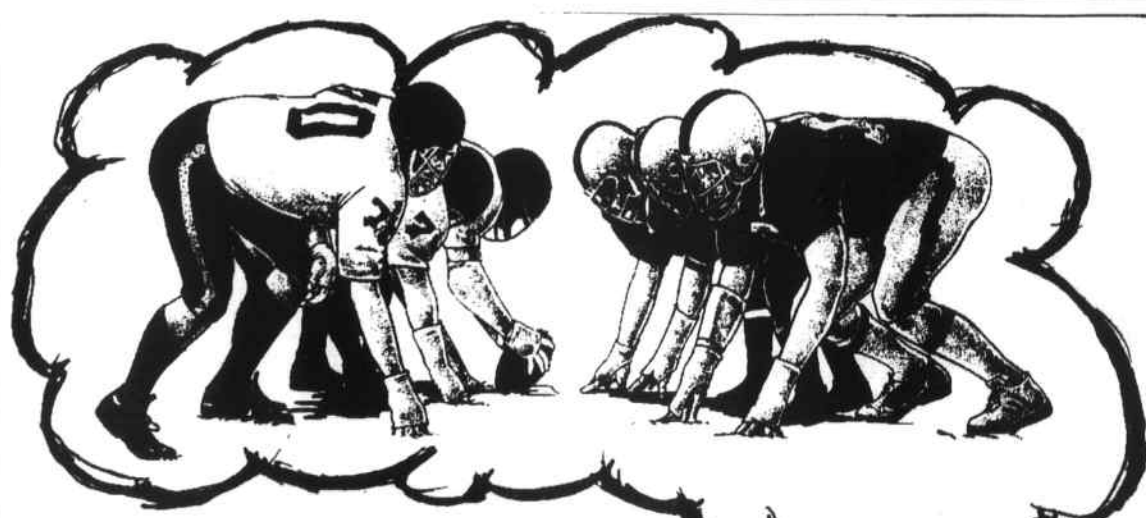
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20	Ryan Olivieri	SO
21	B. Giambernardino	JR
22	Jared Miller	SR
24	Zack Mayo	SO
25	K. Steenbruggen	SR
26	Steve Ventre	SO
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31	Sean Godding	SR
33	Joe Mayo	JR
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52	Bobby Harrington	SR
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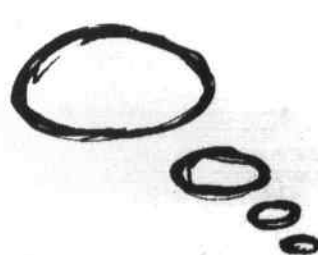
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Davidian ends up in the right training line

By MATT KALMAN
Sports Correspondent

In order to emerge as a senior captain and two-way starter for the Tewksbury High football team this fall, Joe Davidian needed to spend much of the last two years building up his strength to compliment his size.

So the 6-foot-3, 275-pound Davidian, who's also a standout thrower for the Redmen track teams in the winter and spring, turned the weight room into his second home.

"I'm definitely training all the time," said the now 18-year-old Davidian, a starter at defensive end and offensive line. "I don't just get in shape over the summertime. I'm a year-round guy. I do spring track and winter track and I always have something going. I don't slow down. When I'm not playing football or doing track, I'm in the weight room even during the season."

Davidian's presence in the weight room tends to encourage other Redmen players to keep up a tireless regimen in the weight room. Although Tewksbury's hard work didn't quite payoff this fall - they enter the Thanksgiving Day matchup against Wilmington with a 3-6 record - many of the Redmen's younger players will probably see the rewards for their efforts in the seasons to come.

"He's been a real leader for

us, especially in the weight room," said Tewksbury head coach Brian Aylward. "He has tremendous work ethic down there and he helped a lot of other kids follow suit. He's a guy that would be there a lot and by his presence there made an impact. A year ago he was a big player for us and the fact that he still goes down there and works hard and he won't be satisfied - he's a leader by example. And that's why he was named a captain."

Working out requires more than strength training for Davidian because he wouldn't be able to tackle any opponents without catching them first.

"He was obviously a kid with great size (when he joined the team as a sophomore), but he didn't have tremendous athletic ability," said Aylward. "It was his will to do whatever it took to become a player. He's probably the guy who showed the most improvement strength-wise and athletically over the course of four years."

Said Davidian: "Agility is something that's a lot harder than strength. A lot of people ignore that, but you've got to constantly do a lot of stuff with footwork. You've got to do all kinds of drills. It's easy to go out on the field and jump rope. But I work with coach Tom Ryan and he's been working with me ever since he got here my sophomore year. I've got to do rope drills and ladder drills

and things like that."

Agility training can be tiresome, but Davidian never lacks for motivation.

"For me, it's not tough," Davidian said. "I'm always focused on what I need to do and I'm always in a sport, so it's not like I just do football. I'm always getting ready for a certain season. I always train like that guy behind you is going to pass you and take your spot. I always train like I've got to be the best."

Davidian's work ethic's flourished under the tutelage of past teammates and current coaches.

"When I was young, I was around Christos Koustenis a lot and he was always up in the weight room and up around 300 pounds," said Davidian. "And coach Aylward, I never saw a coach like him. He'll work out with you. He's in the weight room and the whole coaching staff's always there no matter what the season."

Nowhere is Davidian's improved agility more evident than on the defensive side of the field, where he made the move from defensive tackle to defensive end.

"We had some inexperience at defensive end and we get (to face) a lot of off-tackle and Wing T type programs in our league. He was in key spots and he was able to play well at that position and for a kid his size, that's something," said

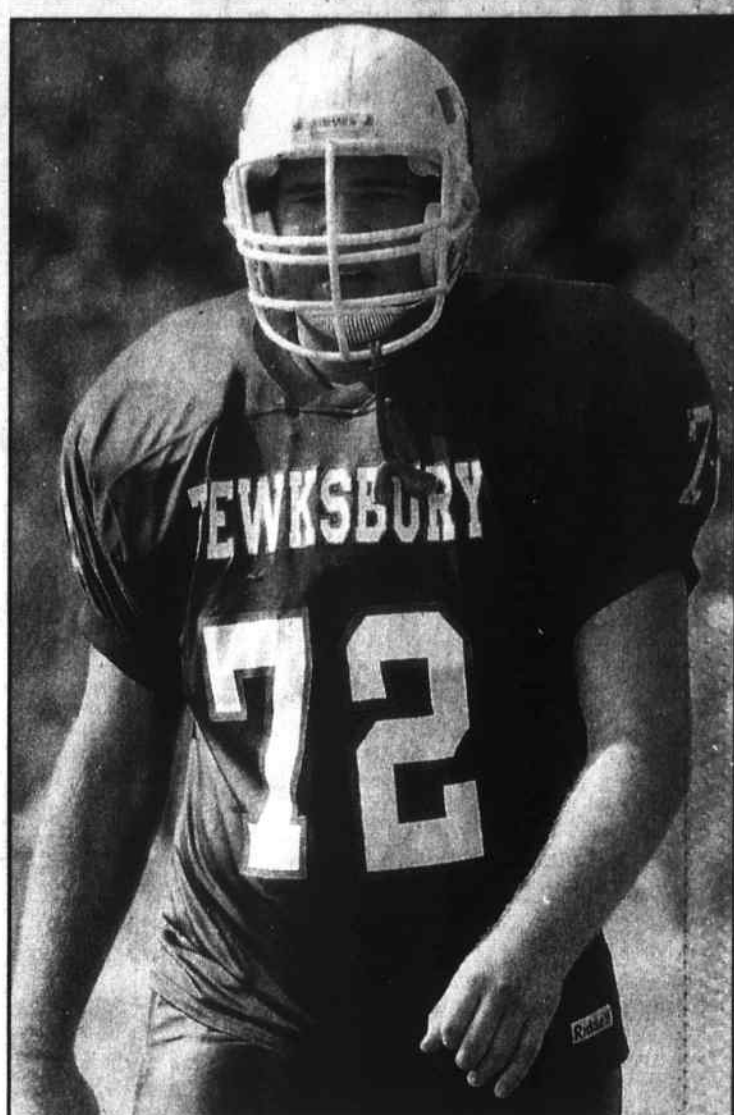
Aylward.

Davidian's success at the position was partly responsible for Tewksbury's defense slowing down the likes of Merrimack Valley Conference star running backs David Leach of Chelmsford, Joey McCreedy of Lowell and Joey Fendone of Central Catholic.

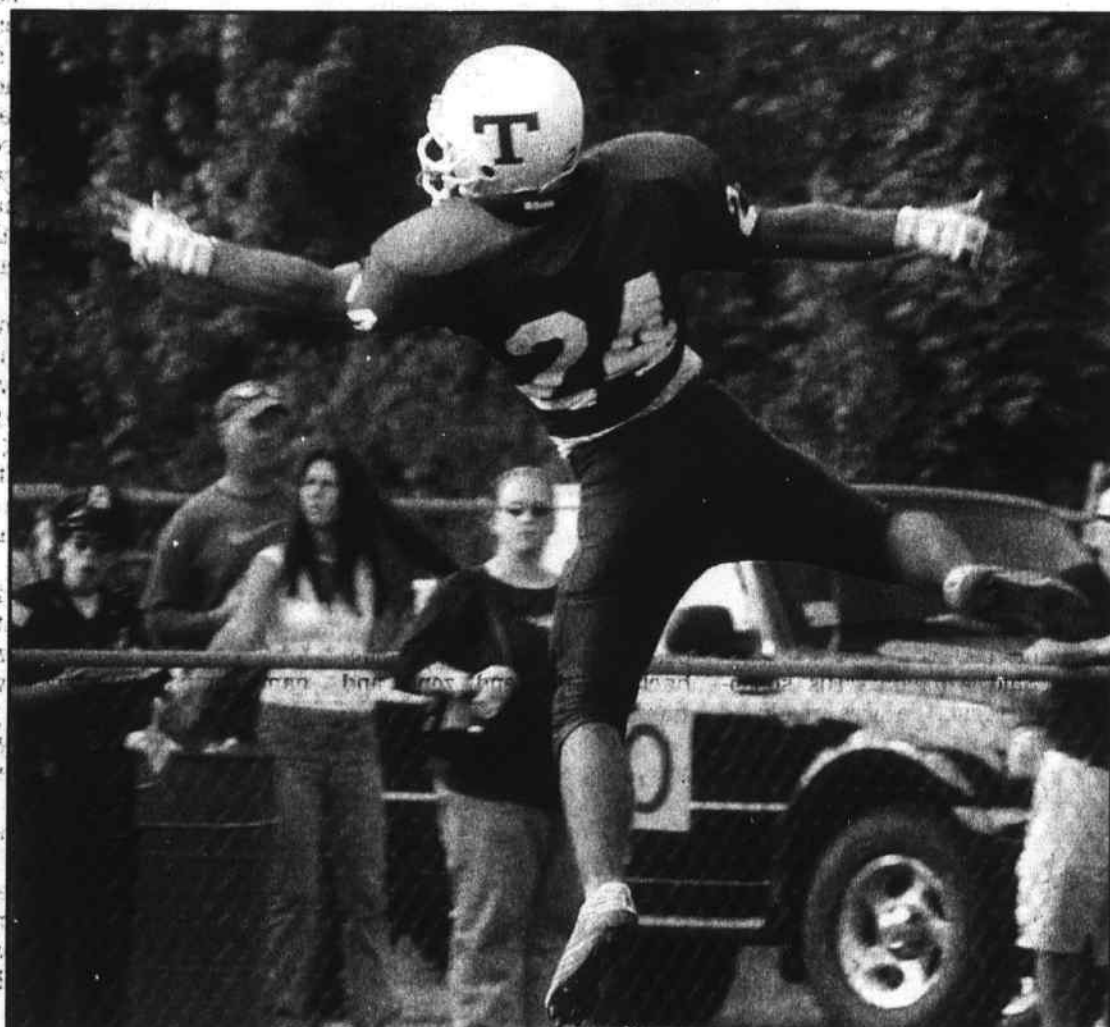
"I'm probably the biggest defensive end in the league," said Davidian. "I've just been shutting down a lot of the inside stuff and running the C gap and trying my best I can to get out on the speed stuff outside. It's been pretty good. And I have better vision of the field too from the outside."

A number of colleges have been in contact with Davidian - including Division I-AA programs Northeastern and Maine and Division 3 programs Westfield State and Worcester State (where he'd be reunited with former Redmen running back Steve Kasprzak). When he's done trying to stop Wilmington's running attack on Turkey Day, Davidian will squeeze in his college choice between training and winter track.

"I have to decide if I want to go to a big school or want to get right into it and play," Davidian said. "If I had to choose right now, I'd want to go and play for four years, so I'd choose a smaller school."



Tewksbury High senior captain Joe Davidian is a two-way line-man, who has provided terrific leadership for the 3-6 Redmen. He and his teammates will try to make it four wins on Thursday. (photo by Jessica Stygles).



Tewksbury High senior Mike Bourgeois (pictured left during a MVC game earlier in the season) has come out of nowhere to play a terrific linebacker this season for the Redmen. The 5-foot-6, 160-pounder was on special teams last year and made the jump to the starting defense. He'll play in his final game at home on Thursday.

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Bourgeois lines up his position

By MATT KALMAN
Sports Correspondent

With the momentum of winning the Tewksbury High football team's Special Teams Player of the Year award at his back, Mike Bourgeois entered his senior season with the desire to be more than just a participant during kickoffs and punts.

The senior wanted to earn a starting linebacker spot and he not only joined the Redmen's top 11 on defense, he emerged as one of Tewksbury's top tacklers.

"Ever since I was a sophomore I've been working to get where I am now," said the 5-foot-6, 160-pound Bourgeois. "As the season's gone on and with the help of my coaches, I've been able to get the spot at linebacker and I've been getting it done."

A part-time strong safety and linebacker last fall as a junior, the Tewksbury coaching staff lessened Bourgeois' workload this season and the move paid off.

"It was tough playing two different positions because it was two different game plans," Bourgeois said. "As a linebacker to have to remember certain things that are just for (the linebackers) and as a strong safety you have to learn more things related to pass coverage."

Said Tewksbury head coach Brian Aylward, "We asked him to a little more than he could handle (last year), so this year we made a determination that he was going to be a linebacker. He came in focused and ready and he's been great from camp on. He's one of our leading tacklers and he only weighs about 150 and he's in the middle taking on 450-pound double teams.

We can put him down as a nose guard and he's super quick and he's always got a good, wide base.

"He's a tremendous tackler. He's always square on contact and he's got a naturally low base. His success is all about character."

By perfecting his tackling technique, Bourgeois has been able to overcome his size disadvantage.

"Tackling is something I've worked on since I started football my freshman year," said Bourgeois. "I'm always working on tackling. That's something they noticed right away about me. The coaches have been excellent about giving me tips on what to do to perfect my form and now I have the confidence that when I have a running back coming at me, I can take him down."

"The biggest challenge is how to get around my size. Basically everyone I come up against is taller than me and bigger than me."

Aylward has liked the idea of starting an undersized, over-achieving kid at one of the prominent positions on the field.

"He's given senior leadership for the other guys too. He's a guy you might think is too small and can't do it because of his size and you see him do it and you want to be around him and see what makes him tick and he's a guy you want to be like," said Aylward.

With the starting linebacker position on his mind all season, Bourgeois performed tirelessly during the offseason.

"In the offseason, I did a lot of lifting and I spent a lot of time working on my agility," said Bourgeois. "I tried to get as big as I can and I knew I had to be

as quick and as strong as I could."

Bourgeois' workouts won't end after he plays his last football game for Tewksbury against Wilmington on Thanksgiving. He'll need to cut some weight in order to wrestle at his regular weight of 145 for the Redmen. And in the spring he takes some time off from sports, but he wrestles with a different type of competitor - hungry and thirsty Red Sox fans. For three years, Bourgeois has spent his spring working the concession stands at Fenway Park.

Bourgeois, who's applied for early entry to Bentley, Bryant, UNH, Sacred Heart and UMass Dartmouth for next season, had a lot of great memories this autumn despite the Redmen's less-than-stellar 3-6 record. One early-season memory really sticks out in his mind.

"We played Dracut early in the season and we went ahead late by a point," said Bourgeois about a game the Redmen won, 14-13. "Dracut had one more chance to score and on one of their last plays, I was able to get in the backfield and get a sack. That was real special for me."

Certain moments are special to Bourgeois, but the future business management major's entire career has earned a special place in the Tewksbury program's history.

"He's the epitome of what Tewksbury football is all about - looking to buck the trend and being the smallest school in the conference playing against bigger schools," Aylward said. "In order to do that, you got to have that kind of determination and take a run at anybody, no matter how big and Mike's been that type of kid."

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Year	Score	Year	Score
1935	Redmen 6, Wildcats 6	1971	Redmen 0, Wildcats 0
1936	Redmen 12, Wildcats 4	1972	Wildcats 13, Redmen 8
1937	Redmen 44, Wildcats 0	1973	Wildcats 24, Redmen 0
1938	Redmen 12, Wildcats 0	1974	Redmen 14, Wildcats 8
1939	Wildcats 7, Redmen 0	1975	Redmen 14, Wildcats 14
1940	Wildcats 19, Redmen 13	1976	Wildcats 32, Redmen 0
1941	Redmen 6, Wildcats 6	1977	Wildcats 27, Wildcats 8
1942	Redmen 7, Wildcats 7	1978	Wildcats 14, Redmen 13
1943	Redmen 18, Wildcats 0	1979	Wildcats 27, Redmen 3
1945	Redmen 28, Wildcats 19	1980	Redmen 21, Wildcats 0
1946	Redmen 21, Wildcats 7	1981	Redmen 7, Wildcats 0
1947	Redmen 28, Wildcats 6	1982	Wildcats 35, Redmen 21
1948	Redmen 14, Wildcats 7	1983	Wildcats 9, Redmen 7
1949	Wildcats 54, Redmen 0	1984	Redmen 7, Wildcats 6
1950	Redmen 31, Wildcats 7	1985	Redmen 37, Wildcats 8
1951	Redmen 20, Wildcats 7	1986	Redmen 6, Wildcats 0
1952	Redmen 12, Wildcats 0	1987	Redmen 27, Wildcats 0
1953	Redmen 0, Wildcats 0	1988	Redmen 32, Wildcats 11
1954	Wildcats 7, Redmen 0	1989	Redmen 45, Wildcats 28
1955	Redmen 29, Wildcats 13	1990	Wildcats 32, Redmen 28
1956	Redmen 29, Wildcats 12	1991	Wildcats 12, Wildcats 7
1957	Wildcats 21, Redmen 14	1992	Redmen 23, Wildcats 14
1958	Redmen 36, Wildcats 14	1993	Redmen 22, Wildcats 14
1959	Redmen 12, Wildcats 12	1994	Redmen 36, Wildcats 7
1960	Wildcats 12, Redmen 0	1995	Redmen 17, Wildcats 14
1961	Wildcats 18, Redmen 0	1996	Redmen 35, Wildcats 14
1962	Wildcats 22, Redmen 0	1997	Wildcats 14, Redmen 7
1963	Redmen 22, Wildcats 0	1998	Redmen 21, Redmen 8
1964	Redmen 8, Wildcats 6	1999	Wildcats 21, Redmen 8
1965	Redmen 15-110, Tony Corsino 2-53, Bryan Donohue 6-43, Pat Brewin 1-15, Kevin Ianetta 2-12, David Tiberio 1-9, Kevin Terrio 1-0.	2000	Wildcats 28, Wildcats 3
1966	Wildcats 22, Redmen 0	2001	Redmen 26, Wildcats 0
1967	Wildcats 22, Redmen 0	2002	
1968	Wildcats 34, Redmen 14		
1969	Redmen 14, Wildcats 8		
1970	Wildcats 13, Redmen 3		

*Not all games were played on Thanksgiving Day.



Tewksbury High senior captain Alex Marcin in action. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

Tewksbury 2003 Roster

1	Brian Lowe	SR
2	Ryan Lemelin	SO
3	Mike Arpin	SO
4	Kevin Ianetta	JR
5	Kevin Terrio	JR
6	Pat Morrissey	SO
7	Mike Frazier	SO
9	Doug Heald	JR
10	B. Decoteaux	SR
11	Jason Buccì	SO
14	T. Michalewicz	JR
15	Pat Donohue	SO
17	Danny Kasprzak	SO
18	John McLaughlin	JR
19	Jason Montes	SO
20	Jon Flanagan	SR
21	Jeff Macinanti	SR
22	Gregg DeGiso	SR
23	Anthony Farliera	JR
24	Mike Bourgeois	SR
25	Matt Carlson	JR
27	Cole Angells	JR
28	Kevin Grayson	SO
29	Tom Byrne	SO
32	Bryan Donoghue	SR
33	Mike Collins	SR
34	Peter Fortunato	JR
35	Bill Fabiano	SR
36	Paul Tomasi	SO
37	Mike Bordonaro	SR
38	Chris Byrne	JR
39	Tony Corsino	SO
40	Chris Shepard	SO
41	Mike McLaughlin	SR
42	Mike Sitar	JR
43	Tony Pupa	SO
46	Teagan McCarthy	SO
47	Kevin McCarthy	SO
51	Aaron Russo	JR
52	Steve Zaremba	JR
54	Chad Chartienitz	SO
55	Brian Hamilton	SR
56	Paul Sheehan	SR
57	Sean Durney	SR
58	Chris Byrne	JR
59	Mike Rego	SO
60	Dan Westaway	JR
61	Buddy Bradley	JR
62	Ben Gamlin	SR
63	Steve Bryan	SO
64	Chris LaVita	SR
65	Greg DeGiso	SR
67	Justin Melloni	SO
68	Matt Porcaro	JR
70	John Latta	SO
71	Joe Griffin	SO
72	Joe Davidian	SR
73	B. Milanazzo	JR
74	Dana Egua	JR
75	Pat Riley	SO
76	Nick Nawossa	JR
77	David Gay	SR
78	Robert Rotundi	SO
79	Alex Marcin	SR
81	Steve Higgins	JR
82	Pat Appiani	SO
84	Greg Weisse	JR
85	Kyle Alves	SO
90	Derek Welch	SO

Tewksbury Season Stats

Passing: Tyler Michalewicz 41-for-86, 585 yards, 2 TDs, 6 INTs; Doug Heald 15-for-26, 149 yards, 0 TDs, 0 INTs; Mike Frazier 3-for-5, 37 yards, 0 TDs, 0 INTs; Bryan Descoteux 0-for-1, 0 yards.
Rushing: Bill Fabiano 150-737, Bryan Donohue 76-287, Mike Collins 22-139, Pat Brewin 24-85; Doug Heald 14-27, Mike McLaughlin 3-5; Bryan Descoteux 1-4, Pat Appiani 1 - 2; David Tiberio 4-1; Tyler Michalewicz 21 (-1); Chris Byrne 1 - (-1), Tony Corsino 1 - (-4), Mike Frazier 4 - (-13).
Receiving: Doug Heald 6-183, Brian Lowe 12-173, Jon Flanagan 9-119, Bill Fabiano 15-110, Tony Corsino 2-53, Bryan Donohue 6-43, Pat Brewin 1-15, Kevin Ianetta 2-12, David Tiberio 1-9, Kevin Terrio 1-0.

Tewksbury Scoring

Bill Fabiano 11 TDs, 66 points; Doug Heald 2 TDs, 1 Conv. Pass, 14 points; Brian Lowe 1 Conv. Pass, 10 PAT kicks, 12 pts; Mike Collins 2 TDs, 12 points; Tony Corsino 1 TD, 6 pts; Bryan Donoghue 1 TD, 6 points.

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By MATT KALMAN Sports Correspondent

After he'd earned time as a defensive tackle in his sophomore year, Tewksbury High's Alex Marcin suffered a cruel fate when he broke his leg near the end of the season.

Although the injury put a damper on an otherwise successful first fall of varsity football, what followed from the injury was a valuable lesson about Marcin's body and it's a lesson he learned enough to emerge as a two-way starter

and a senior captain this season.

"When I broke my leg, I had to sit around and I gained some weight (that I couldn't handle)," said Marcin, now a 6-foot-5, 305-pound 18-year-old. "After that, I got on a real strict diet and actually got down below the weight I was before I got injured. I felt that was a good weight because it helped me develop my speed more. After that I had to bulk up more, but I kept the speed."

Said Tewksbury football coach Brian Aylward: "He's strong enough now where he can carry the extra weight and he worked real hard going into last year and he had a great junior year on both sides of the field. Physically, he's come a long way. His weight fluctuated a little bit. The last couple of years, he's still got the weight on him but it's now more solid as opposed to what he had when he was younger."

Marcin's sophomore-year diet has stuck with him during every offseason since.

"I don't do it so much during the season because I'm so active," said Marcin, who'll play his last game as a Redmen on Thanksgiving against Wilmington. "Outside of the season when I'm not practicing because I don't do a winter sport I have to stick with it."

At the correct weight and with the strength he built up from countless hours in the weight room, Marcin's been able to put the best part of his makeup - his footwork - to use this year at the offensive and defensive tackle positions.

"Athletically, he's gifted and he's got great feet for a big guy," Aylward said.

Unable to play Pop Warner football growing up because of his size, Marcin had turned to other sports and his experience on the hardwood might have given him his fancy footwork.

"I think that comes from my many years of basketball," Marcin said. "I played basketball ever since I was a young kid."

Finally able to get on the

gridiron and hit with the big boys at Tewksbury, Marcin made an instant impact in the Tewksbury program before his injury.

"Alex has been a kid that always had great size and he was a kid that had that air of confidence about him," Aylward said. "He came in very confident as a sophomore, which is rare. He knew he could compete here and he came with the mentality that he wouldn't just be happy to be here."

Said Marcin, "Ever since I was younger I hung around kids that are older than me, especially kids from the football program, so it was like I was playing with my friends and fitting in wasn't a problem. I felt I held my own as a sophomore."

Junior year, Marcin added offensive line play to his resume and this year he rarely came off the field. The Redmen not only needed his play, they also needed his leadership.

"(The co-captaincy) is something I always wanted to have since sophomore year," Marcin said. "I wanted to be one of the guys on the team the younger guys look up to. When I was a sophomore I looked up to some older guys and I wanted to have that type of influence."

Said Aylward, "We had some tough games with inexperienced guys on the field and he did a real great job of getting the guys focused and ready to play."

During a rough 3-6 season, there haven't been many highlights. But Marcin was able to find the bright spot even in some of Tewksbury's losses.

"I liked all the wins, but especially the (close) games this year against Lowell and Central Catholic," said Marcin, who wants to play at a Division I-AA school such as Maine, Northeastern or Albany next year. "Those teams were the big shots and we gave them a run for their money even though we didn't come up with the 'W.'"

Wilmington Season Stats

Passing: Joe Herra 40-for-79, 542 yards, 5 TDs, 2 INTs; Rob Gillis 1-for-1, 23 yards, 0 TDs, 0 INTs.
Rushing: Sean Godding 118-795, Rob Gillis 78-500, Joe Herra 69-330, Dave DeMango 68-323, Stephen Downs 32-134, Brian Giamberdino 24-81, Anthony Almeida 12-54, Lou Insalaco 7-46, Matthew Marden 11-39, Timothy Brady 1-8, Shaun Doherty 3-5, William Nieman 1-3, Ryan Oliveira 1-0.
Receiving: Brennan Jones 7-166, Derek Trueira 10-136, Sean Murphy 6-82, Sean Godding 7-77, Robbie Gillis 5-43, Dan Hurley 2-38, Joe Downs 1-23, Dave DeMango 3-15.
Points: Sean Godding 8 TDs, 6 conv. rush, 60 pts, Joe Herra 9 TDs, 3 conv. rush 60 pts, Rob Gillis 6 TDs, 2 conv. rush convs, 2 PAT kicks, 42 pts, Dave DeMango 4 TD, 6 conv. rushes, 36 pts, Brennan Jones 3 TDs, 1 conv. rec., 20 pts; Stephen Downs 3 TDs, 18 pts, Anthony Almeida 1 TD, 6 pts; Lou Insalaco 1 TD, 6 pts, Sean Murphy 1 TD, 6 pts, Derek Trueira 1 TD, 6 pts., Matthew Marden 1 conv. rush, 2 pts, Brian Giamberdino 1 conv. rush, 2 pts. Compiled by Jamie Pote and Matt Kalman

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